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NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

MR. SEWARD'S RE-ELECTION.

THE CONGRATULATIONS OF HIS FRIENDS.

FRENCH SPOLIATION.

THE KINNEY EXPEDITION.

RAILROAD IRON DUTIES.

Fears for the Safety of the Decatur—Probability of a Veto—Withdrawal of a Nomination.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

Distressing fears are entertained for the safety of the sloop-of-war *Decatur*, which left Rio Janeiro September 8, for Valparaiso.

Foreshadowings of a veto on the French Spoliation bill accumulate. That it will come, is generally conceded.

The President, to-day, withdrew from the Senate the name of JOHN B. MILLER, nominated as Secretary of Legation to Lima, Peru. Strong objection has been made to him by DOUGLASS and others, because he is an Anti-Nebraska man.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1855.

The reelection of Senator SEWARD is the universal theme of conversation here. It had been quite impossible to make people believe in this latitude that he was to triumph in the contest. "It can't be so!"—said a gentleman recently from New-York—"it's a mistake to expect it." Those disbelievers are satisfied by this time, it is to be hoped, of the fidelity of New-York to great principle, when her people are most fairly assayed to the fever of principle pending. It would have been strange, indeed, if the State of New-York—after repudiating Senators DICKINSON and DIX, because of their faithlessness to the principles of Freedom—had now, in turn, failed to sustain one who has so nobly defended and preserved the standard committed to his care six years ago. New-York has spoken. Calumny, prejudice and party had done their worst,—but the abiding form in the Truth which has served your Senator to suffer all and endure all for its sake, has achieved a victory over which Humanity everywhere will rejoice.

Of course Senator SEWARD's friends here are everjoyed. His house was thronged this evening by a spontaneous gathering of both Whigs and Democrats, who called to testify their pleasure because of his triumph. When the news arrived General CASS, Mr. DOUGLAS and other prominent members of the Senate were among the first to go over to his seat and tender their congratulations. The news spread like wild-fire over the Capital. The interest was universal; and yet scarce a man is to be found who is not gratified at the result. When I compare the sentiment of to-day with that which greeted Mr. SEWARD's advent upon the Senate floor six years ago, I can scarcely realize that it is only time which in its progress has wrought the change,—that the man and his principles are the same now as then. The friends of Freedom have gained a Waterloo, without its blood. If its fruits are but half as valuable in the future as they have proven in the past, the congratulations of this day have been worthily bestowed.

The *French Spoliation* bill has passed the Senate at last. The exposure of the intention of individuals who were professedly friendly to it—to endeavor to compass its destruction by the adoption of amendments which would make it necessary to return the bill to the House for concurrence, doubtless prevented the consummation of that scheme—although, as you will perceive by the report of proceedings, upon one of the propositions to amend, the vote was 23 to 24—very close. A change of two votes only would have defeated the bill. I was afraid those two could be had by the President—but am happy now to know that I was in error. In a few days at farthest, we shall know what the Executive intends to do in relation to signing it. I have no doubt he wants to kill it—but I don't believe he will venture the "responsibility."

The rumors which indicate that our Government is opposed to the KINNEY Expedition, have excited the inquiry whether, when the colonists land in Central America, the British Government might not consider it a favorable time to make amicable overtures to them, instead of seeking to prevent their settlement. Great Britain counsels the title of the Mosquito King, and has not yielded her claim to the Protectorate of the Indians there. If our Government turns the cold shoulder to its children who seek to settle in Central America, may it be an unwise movement for Great Britain to get the Kinney Expeditionists to aid her in maintaining her indirect control over the Isthmus for all time to come? This is an aspect of the case which might be very well studied by our Government. a.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS...Second Session.

SENATE... WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

Mr. BADGER called up a bill to repeal so much of the 25th section of the Judicial Courts United States act, as authorizes taking depositions without notice. Passed, with a proviso of Mr. CHASE, that it should not affect cases commenced before the 1st of next May.

Debate ensued on this between Messrs. BADGER and MASON, pro-contra, until Senators refused to let Mr. MASON to indulge any more during the morning hour.

Mr. BROOKE presented a petition from the Board of Trade of Chicago, asking that the Secretary of the Treasury be instructed to dispose of the detected site for Custom-House and Post-Office, and process now more speedily erected. Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Mr. SUMNER presented a Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to make alterations to cap. port the extra weight of the New Orleans Custom-House.

Mr. HUNTER called up the Indian Appropriation bill, and it was made the special order for Saturday at 1 o'clock.

Mr. SEWARD, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill to amend the act to carry the Reciprocity Treaty into effect. Passed.

Mr. JOHNSON, of Tenn., called up the bill giving three years' extension of credit for duties on iron to Railroad Companies.

Mr. JOHNSON urged that railroads were notably, politically and nationally, the great elevators of the country, and had always favored protection. He regarded this measure as protective of the iron interest. The present system cost off ten million dollars of railroads per year. All our iron is wanted for other purposes. After President JACKSON vetoed the Maysville Railroad bill, the Government imposed no tax on railroad iron until 1842, consequently the old States built their roads cheaper. The new States now ask the same chance. They have paid ten million of dollars during the past four years.

Mr. BUCHANAN regretted the act of 1842 in the duality of the Tariff question; to this manufacturers of iron have made great pecuniary investments. It would be bad faith towards them to pass this measure. He was under instructions from his party to vote against such a measure. Such instruction he recognized; those from the opposing party he did not. He gave a statistical review of the iron trade of Pennsylvania, and in reference to this bill, he could assure the Senator from Tennessee that the new States were wrong in their policy on this subject.

Mr. JOHNSON—However great his appreciation of the wisdom and eloquence of the Senator from Pennsylvania may be, he did not think the Legislature of his State would revise their policy upon the *ipse dixit* of that gentleman. He ridiculed the doctrine of instruction as defined by Mr. CASS a few days ago, and reaffirmed by Mr. BROderhead to-day. It amounted to obeying the State Legislature when their instructions coincided with the predilections of their Senator. Pennsylvania had enjoyed protection, got her railroads free of duty, and now wants to deprive new States of the same principle. He showed that iron manufacturers would be benefited by allowing these roads to be built, for the consumption of home iron would thereby be much increased, as incidental to these roads and the enterprises they would originate.

Mr. FRANCE of Md. got the floor, and the bill was made a special order for Monday next.

After an Executive session, at which nothing of importance transpired, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The Speaker laid before the House a copy of the Treaty concluded between the United States and the Chippewa Indians, Lake Superior, and recommended an appropriation to carry it into effect. Laid on the table.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the special order bills reported from the Judiciary Committee.

The House passed bills relating to the holding of the United States Courts in Tennessee and Florida; authorizing the opinion of the Attorney General of the United States to be printed; regulating the salaries of the Judges of the District Court; dividing Illinois and Ohio each into two Judicial Districts; concerning the apprehension and delivery of deserters from foreign vessels in ports of the United States; providing for the accommodation of Courts in the District of Maryland and Post-Office in Baltimore; and amending the act passed in August, 1852, making satisfaction for Military Land Warrants. When the House adjourned.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

In the Senate to-day, the name of JOHN B. MILLER was withdrawn, and SAMUEL J. COX, of Ohio, nominated in his stead, for the Secretaryship of Legation at Lima, Peru.

The following nominations were sent in by the President for confirmation: HAYWARD, as Marshal of Utah; DOYLE, as Marshal of Nebraska; PORTER, to Collector of the Port at New-Orleans, and RAYBURN as Appraiser; HOFFMAN, as Postmaster at Massillon, Ohio; LEONIDAS MARTIN, as Consul at Maraiba; THOMAS WELSH, as Receiver, Alabama; R. D. HAYDEN, as Receiver, Illinois; ATKINSON, as Third Auditor of the Treasury, in the place of BENT; W. N. BANKS, of Virginia, as Consul at Agua Caliente, Mexico.

The following were also sent in: The Extradition Treaty with the King of Hanover, the Treaty with the Wyandotte Indians, and the Treaty with Mexico.

The following confirmations were made: PICKETT as Postmaster of Marysville, Cala.; and THATCHER as Postmaster at Placerville.

Almost every Democratic Congressman one converses with is confident that the President will veto the French Spoliation bill.

The mail from New-York was three hours behind time again to-night.

Supreme Court, United States.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

ELIAS MERRION, Mass., and M. THOMPSON, Washington, were admitted counselors and attorneys.

No. 6. Marcellin Kaydel *vs.* Francis Dupenas. Error to Supreme Court of Louisiana. Judge CATRON delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the judgment, with costs.

No. 66. James B. Peck *vs.* John Sanderson, libelant. Argued by CUTTING for appellant; submitted on printed argument by HOWARD for libelant.

No. 67. James Jasigi et al., plaintiffs in error, *vs.* James Brown *et al.*, trustees, *&c.* Argument continued by BARTLETT for plaintiffs, and continued by MERWIN for defendants.

Conviction Under the Liquor Law.

CINCINNATI, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The first conviction under the State Liquor Law took place to-day in the Court of Common Pleas. The defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of $50 and be imprisoned twenty days. Judge PARKER said the law would be fully carried out.

The Maine Law had passed the Senate of Indiana by a majority of ten. It will pass the House also.

It rained hard last evening. It has since turned cold and is now snowing. River still closed.

Illinois Senatorial Election.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Thursday, Feb. 8.

LYMAN TRUMBULL has just been elected U. S. Senator for Illinois in place of Gen. SHIELDS.

Mr. TRUMBULL was elected on the 10th ballot. Whole number of votes...99 Joel A. Matteson.....47 Necessary to a choice....50 A. Williams.....1 Lyman Trumbull had....51

Mr. TRUMBULL is an anti-Nebraska Democrat. *He resides at Belleville, and is the Representative* elect from the Eighth Congressional District. The result is quite unexpected.

Election of Auditor of Accounts.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The Legislature in convention to-day elected STEPHEN GIFFORD Auditor of Accounts.

Snow storm commenced this afternoon and continues with a strong easterly wind.

The Sound Steamers.

BOSTON, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The steamboats did not leave Stonington, Norwich and Fall River for New-York until this morning.

Owing to the lightness of the snow, the railroads in this vicinity are but little obstructed, and the trains make very fair time.

The Ocean Steamers.

SANDY HOOK, Thursday, Feb. 8—1 P. M.

The steamship *Pacific* passed this point, outward bound, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Arrival of the Atlantic.

SANDY HOOK, Friday, Feb. 9—A. M.

The steamship *Atlantic* arrived off the Bar about 6 o'clock last evening, and still remains there on account of the snow storm and the darkness of the night. The Agent of the Associated Press started as soon as she came in sight, to endeavor to reach her, but a strong northeast wind and contrary tide, we presume, has frustrated his efforts, as he has not yet returned.

Non-Arrival of the Southern Mail—Marine Items, &c.

BALTIMORE, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The mails are all out of order to-day, and nothing has been received here to-day South of Washington.

Our harbor is closed up with ice. The steamer from Norfolk could not get up, and had to put back to that city. A large number of vessels are in the Annapolis Roads, hemmed in by the ice, among them two Parker Vein steamers from New-York.

Several vessels were passed in the Bay also hemmed in by the ice.

The bark *Charles S. Older*, from Port au Prince to Philadelphia, with a cargo of coffee and logwood, is reported ashore on Synepuxent Beach. The vessel is light, and her cargo is being discharged.

From Columbia, S. C.

COLUMBIA, Thursday, Feb. 8.

We have received here the New-Orleans papers of Sunday, but they contain nothing of moment.

We were visited with quite a thunder storm today. The thermometer stands at 65° above zero.

The Great Four Mile Race.

COLUMBIA, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The Charleston four mile race yesterday was won by *Gliff Edmondson*. Time. 7:32, 7:46, 7:56. His competitors were *Dis Clapperton, Highlander* and *Jeff. Davis*. The two latter were distanced.

To-day a three mile race came off between *Brown Dick* and *Mary Taylor*. The former was the winner. The time made on the first heat was 5.43 and on the second 5.42.

Destructive Fire at Mattapoisett, Mass.

NEW-BEDFORD, Thursday, Feb. 8.

A fire broke out in the village of Mattapoisett, yesterday, and destroyed nearly a square in the centre of the village. Among the buildings consumed were the Plymouth County Hotel, kept by LEONARD HAMMOND, Eaton Hall, owned by S. K. EATON, and occupied by various store-keepers. Also, a building occupied by R. L. BARROW, boat builder, together with some small dwellings. The total loss is about $20,000, half of which is covered by insurance.

Marine Disasters, etc., etc.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 8.

The steamer *City of Boston* was towed up to this city to-day by the city ice boat from Chester, where her safety had been endangered by the ice

The British bark *Blythewood* for St. Domingo is aground at Joe Flogger Island, and in a critical position from the floating ice.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Thursday, Feb. 8.

Stocks are steady to-day. We quote Reading at 36¾; Morris Canal, 14¼; Long Island Railroad, 16; Pennsylvania Railroad, 49¼; Pennsylvania Fives, 85¾. The Money market is easy.

Nominations for U. S. Senator in the Pennsylvania Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Wednesday, Feb. 7.

Sixty-one candidates were nominated in the House of Assembly this morning for U. S. Senator.

Execution of Phelps Postponed.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 8.

PHELPS, the murderer of his wife, who was to have been executed in this city to-morrow, has been respited for ten days.

STATE AFFAIRS.

LEGISLATURE OF NEW-YORK.

PROCEEDINGS OF YESTERDAY.

TRADE-BELANCE.

HARBOR ENCROACHMENTS.

SPEECH OF SENATOR BROOKS.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

ALBANY, Thursday, Feb. 8, 1855.

"Mr. SPEAKER, I rise to a question of privilege," is still the opening cry. Members have talked freely, their outside friends and their enemies have talked freely, and the Press has vindicated its right to be dubbed "the Palladium of Liberty," by a bold, free, and not unfrequently an unscrupulous and unwarrentable reviewer of the collective and individual proceedings. Out of all this, as I have before observed, has grown an immense amount of ill-feeling, which drops out each day in the shape of privileged questions. Mr. LEIGH took occasion this morning to refute the charge that he had been supported by the Know-Nothings in his district. That party had opposed his election in the most determined manner, and he was under no obligations to obey its mandates.

During the morning Mr. A. G. WILLIAMS also rose to "a question of privilege." Of course he was recognized, when he stated that he had twelve times called out "Mr. Speaker," for the purpose of introducing a bill, and he wanted to know why he was not recognized. The Speaker did not notice the question thus raised, as the gentleman has it on hand for another day. It should be pressed, for if well put home, I think would obtain an answer.

Mr. BLATCHFORD, by unanimous consent, introduced a bill to improve the supply and to secure the use of the Croton water in the City of New-York. It authorizes the proper authorities to lay the trench for a thirty inch main for conducting the Croton water from the receiving Reservoir through the Eighth-avenue, by day's work (also the lowering or raising of the two thirty-six inch mains in the Fifth-avenue, or the mains or pipes in any other avenue or street, whenever it shall become necessary by the alteration of a grade by the Common Council.

INCREASING THE GAS.

Mr. COLEMAN introduced a bill to permit the "Gas Light Company of the City of New-York" to purchase and hold real estate, in value not exceeding $500,000.

PREVENTING ILLEGAL VOTING.

Mr. A. G. WILLIAMS obtained consent to introduce a *bill to prevent illegal voting in the City of New-York.* It is substantially the bill introduced in the Senate,—that providing that the Inspectors should perform the duty of Registers. The bill introduced in the House abolishes the Inspectors of Election chosen by the people, and conferrs the "Justices of the Supreme Court in the City of New-York to meet together during the second week in the month of June, 1855, and select three upright and impartial men for each election district, to act as Inspectors of Election. The first three that appointed are to hold office respectively for the terms of one, two and three years. All vacancies are to be filled by the said Justices of the Supreme Court, who are to meet annually during the second week in June, for that purpose."

I rather fancy such a proposition, not, however, so much for the proposition itself, as the evidence it affords of the gulfstream almighty that characterizes at least one of the honorable the members of Assembly. I hope the committee will not have such a long wait for the action that they will suddenly hear it in their own room, and refuse to report it to the House. Of course if they should do so they would be "great big naughty good for nothings," in which case they might be ——, but I make not anticipate, for I hope that a mere intimation of what they may expect will be sufficient to deter them from doing anything that they may be sorry for.

GENERAL ORDERS.

It was General Order day, and there were interruptions of the regular proceedings by unanimous consent.

The first bill on the roll was the Senate tax bill, which was considered in Committee of the Whole, and progress reported.

THE BILL FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF INTEMPERANCE

Was next in order, and though the House was thin, its consideration was provided with. There was some discussion on amendments to the third section, but the Committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. It is one thing to ask, but quite another thing to obtain that for which you ask. I shall not attempt to argue the truth of that proposition.

When the Committee of the Whole had received "leave" into the House, the report of the Committee was duly made. Thereupon, instead of granting the leave asked, and which the Committee appeared to think was sure to be given, Mr. WOODRUFF, of Cayuga, offered the following resolution, and asked its adoption:

Resolved, That the bill for the suppression of intemperance be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the Committee which reported the bill, with five additional members, to be appointed by the Speaker, with power to report complete. That the Select Committee be instructed to report the bill complete on Monday, the 12th instant, and that the final vote on the third reading of the bill on Wednesday, the 21st, and that the third reading be the special order for that time.

The proposition was resisted stoutly by the opponents of the bill, and by many who were favorable to a prohibitory law. A protracted debate followed, which Mr. WOODRUFF sought to bring to a close by calling the Previous Question. The House, however, refused by a vote of Ayes 41, Noes 39, to sustain the call for the P. Q., and the discussion of the resolve went on in order. An amendment was offered "That on the 21st day of February, the debate in Committee of the Whole should cease, and the question be put on ordering it engrossed for a third reading. Mr. STEBBINS again called the "P. Q." which call it was moved to lay upon the table, and on that the Ayes and Noes was taken. The House refused by a decided majority to table the call made by Mr. STEBBINS, but before the motion to put the main question could be reached, the clock told that the Session must close, and the House adjourned until to-morrow evening.

It will be noticed that the friends of the bill are pursuing the course indicated in one of my former letters, and doubtless they will push on as they have commenced, and that in some way or other they will speedily determine the fate of the measure so far as the Assembly is concerned. I think the sooner the better, for as there is little manifest disposition to permit the making of amendments, all debate must be worse than useless—all propositions looking to any radical change in the principal features only "love's labor lost."

Immediately after the House adjourned the Clerk requested the friends of Temperance to attend a meeting to be held in the cloak room this evening. In that conclave doubtless will be received the movements which shall succeed, when next the House reaches the bill.

SOMETHING ABOUT TEMPERANCE.

Among the memorials presented in the Senate this morning, was one from the Grand Division of Western New-York Sons of Temperance, asking for the passage of an act to suppress intemperance.

THE MECHANICS' AND THRIFT' SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS

Presented a special report in answer to the resolution of inquiry passed by the Senate. They have received during the year past, by 2,516 depositors.....$422,222 00
Paid on 1,161 drafts..... 161,005 29
Interest received, Bonds and Mortgages..... 12,281 04
Interest received on Stocks..... 400 00
Interest received on Loans..... 611 83
Interest received, Bank dividends..... 1,322 18
Expenses for the year..... 2,767 01
Aggregate amount of deposits, Jan. 1, 1855..... 261,201 45
Invested on Bonds and Mortgages..... 194,656 00
Invested on New-York Revenue Bonds..... 12,000 00
Invested on Williamsburg City Bonds..... 17,000 00
Invested on Rochester City Bonds..... 4,000 00
Invested on Kings County Bonds..... 5,000 00
Cash on hand..... 44,105 00

A LARGE ENCROACHMENT.

The City of New-York clamors for a law to prevent further encroachments upon the waters that wash her shores. No question relating to the City is to-day more strongly pressed upon the Legislature than the claims and the dangers of the harbor that has made New-York, the commercial City of the Union. These importuning, thus anxious, you would think that the municipal authorities of the City would have refrained from themselves grasping any of the lands under water, she so much begrudges. Yet this morning comes up a memorial, magnificently engrossed, and signed by that most wide awake of all Mayors, FERNANDO WOOD, asking the Legislature to legalize the filling in of ninety lots of the lands under water, lying between the piers Nos. 20 and 22, on the Hudson River. Grant this, and how much will Brooklyn ask when it is her turn? I am afraid she will not be content with bare ninety lots.

MORE ABOUT LEARNING.

Mr. BROOKS resumed the floor and continued the remarks he had intended to have given currency to previous to the election of Senator. The Senator from the Sixth is one of the few in the Senate that I listen to with a kind of pleasure. He never tasks your thinking faculties to that extent that others do; where he says sensible things you have no call to question his sincerity—and where he turns sarcastic you are equally at ease, for there is no doubt of his meaning and intent. In fact, I rather think the most of his sarcasm, for in that he appears most at home; you feel and realize that the fountain of gall and wormwood is inexhaustible—that deliberate malice and vindictive annoyance echoes to the utterance as freely as the waters of a bubbling spring. He never puts on a cloak, or if he does it is one of the most transparent material—a gossamer fabric, through which the real purpose is as apparent as the sun in the heavens when the sky is clear.

POETICAL QUOTATIONS.

During the course of Mr. BROOKS' speech he quoted as by "a sweet poetess of Connecticut," the following couplets:

"What sought they thus afar,
Bright jewels of the mine,
The wealth of seas—the spoils of war?—
They sought a faith's pure shrine."

One of the page boys by my side suggests that these lines are the production of an English lady named FELICIA HEMANS. I have never been much in the poetic line, and I cannot pretend to decide between the Senator and the page. I would suggest to those who shall at tempt to solve the problem, that the page is of foreign extraction, and they should take that fact into consideration.

The following are the remarks offered in explanation of his vote for Senator, by Mr. WILLIAMS:

Mr. WILLIAMS, in explanation of his vote, said: Mr. President, I ask the indulgence of the Senate that I may at this time give the reasons for the vote I am about to cast. I stand here, Sir, constitutionally charged with the responsibility of exercising the franchise entrusted to me by a confiding constituency, and I feel it my duty to reflect faithfully their wishes according to the best of my ability. That a wide influence of opinion exists upon the question now before us, I have no reason to doubt. The great questions at issue are *Slavery on one hand, and Dictation on the other.* My constituency are opposed to both, Sir. I believe I speak truly their sentiments when I denounce foreign, sectarian, proscriptive dictation on political dictation. But, Sir, notwithstanding the magnitude of these evils, I believe the elements already working in our midst will soon effect a remedy. On the other hand, Sir, comes up the great question of human liberty; and I believe I should not be faithful to my constituents were I to neglect on this occasion to tender my cordial approvation of the dignified, firm and resolute stand taken and maintained by Senator SEWARD in resisting the aggressions of Slavery—especially in the attempt to extend its boundaries into the land of the free.

He has manfully vindicated the cause of human freedom, and by his industry, sagacity and ability, has reached a position which enables us to boast that in him we have a Northern man with Northern principles. His experience and learning eminently fit him for the station of the station he now occupies. And notwithstanding the objections of some that he is not in all respects perfect, yet in view of the circumstances in which we are placed, I am satisfied we shall not be able to find the man whose position upon the watch-tower of Liberty will strike greater dread to the enemies of Freedom than WILLIAM H. SEWARD. Therefore, I am constrained to overlook an some disadvantages, and commend him for the honors he has obtained, by intervening him as a monument to Freedom upon the bulwarks of our country. I vote for WILLIAM H. SEWARD. J. R. S.

ONE WEEK

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

ARRIVAL OF THE NORTH STAR.

$1,239,269 IN SPECIE.

THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPLETED.

LOS ANGELES EXCITEMENT.

THE PORT OF MANZANILLA.

THE COCOS ISLAND TREASURE.

LATER FROM OREGON.

LATER FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

How the New King, Liholiho, Bears his Honors.

EXTRACTS FROM AUSTRALIAN FILES.

MARRIAGES, DEATHS, MARKETS, &c.

The *North Star* rounded the Hook yesterday noon, and in spite of the terrible snow storm, came up to port before night. To purser HULL we are indebted for the early delivery of our packages, and for the following

Memoranda.

The Panama Railroad is at length completed. On the 28th ult. the train passed over the road from Aspinwall to Panama for the first time. Its arrival in Panama caused great excitement among the native population, who had never before seen that great triumph of human ingenuity, a "locomotive." Thus it will be seen that the connecting link between the Atlantic and Pacific is formed, and hereafter, those whose business or pleasure makes a trip to the North or South Pacific desirable, need not fear the loss of health formerly incidental to the exposure necessary in the transit across the Isthmus, which will henceforth occupy four hours in comfortable cars protected entirely from the weather.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company intends keeping one of their fine steamers at Panama, ready coaled, waiting the passengers from the Atlantic States. On their arrival in Panama, they will leave the cars and go immediately on board ship, thus avoiding all detention.

The passengers that went out by the *North Star*, and also those that came home, passed over the road in the cars, and there has not been a single case of sickness among them.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer *Sonora* left San Francisco for Panama Jan. 16, at noon; 16th, 2.30 P. M., exchanged signals with steamer *Cortez*, bound to the northward; 23d, 7 A. M., exchanged signals with steamer *Golden Age*, bound to San Francisco. Arrived at Acapulco at 1 o'clock A. M., 24th, and left at 6.30 A. M. same day; 26th, 2 P. M., spoke whaling bark *Hydaspe*, Snow, New-Bedford, 27 months out, 500 barrels oil; 29th, 8 P. M., arrived at Panama, 13 days 9 hours from San Francisco.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer *John L. Stephens* (with the mails and passengers that left New-York by steamer *North Star*, 20th December,) arrived at San Francisco 13th January, at 10 P. M. Her passengers all landed in excellent health.

A part of SANTA ANNA's army, 3,000 in number, had deserted and gone over to Gen. ALVAREZ. A portion of them, with some of their officers, reached Acapulco 23d January. The remainder were daily expected.

The U. S. M. steamer *North Star* sailed from Aspinwall January 31, 11 o'clock A. M. February 2, 70 miles S.S.W. of St. Domingo, passed brig *Pitman* of Halifax.

The U. S. M. steamer *El Dorado*, from Havana, with the New-Orleans mails and passengers, arrived at Aspinwall on the 30th ult.

Treasure List of steamer North Star.

Adams & Co.	$166,000	W. S. Hassell & Sons	$3,000
H. Bleistein	5,000	Johnson & Lowden	4,500
John Durant & Co.	11,000	Metropolitan Bank	60,000
Dodge, Sherman & Co.	48,000	Page, Bacon & Co.	23,000
Drexel & Co.	60,000	Probst & Montgomery	2,500
Peter Edde	3,700	J. Watson & Sons	20,000
Wm. Hope & Co.	31,000	Wells, Fargo & Co.	80,000
Total			$1,294,400
Adams & Co., from Australia			36,000
A. Horn, from Aspinwall			374
Total			$1,330,769

OREGON.

Climate—Trade—Legislature—Know-Nothings—Friendly Indians, &c.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

OREGON CITY, Thursday, Dec. 28, 1854.

The state of affairs in Oregon now is little different from what it was two months ago.

The Winter, however, has been unusually mild. No snow at all has fallen, and until recently not rain enough to make the Willamette River navigable above Champoeg. Old settlers say they have never known the rivers so low in December as they have been this year. During the week past, however, it has rained almost incessantly, and there is well nigh a freshet. There has been so little cold weather that cabbages and other similar vegetables are still growing in the gardens. Indeed, this is one of such Winters in Oregon as we "read of."

The *Legislature* has been in session, but like other great bodies has adjourned till after the holidays. Before its adjournment, however, it was very active. No small amount of gas was let off, and some real work done for good or for evil. Among the acts passed is one substituting the vive voce method of voting at elections for the method by ballot, and another dividing Clackamas and Washington Counties, and creating a new County called Multnomah, and reapportioning the representatives from these counties. Of the reasons for the latter move I am not informed, but it smells strongly of gerrymanderism, it being one of the instincts of democracy in this period to take *security for the future.* In this case however, as in some others, its greediness may prove self-devouring.

The substitution of the vive voce for the ballot is designed to head off the *Know-Nothings*! This body is apparently gaining ground here, and unless checked, will soon exert a formidable influence in elections. They have seriously disturbed the dreams of the high priests and apostles of Democracy, and hence a combined effort to crush them. The first weapon used against them was the most bitter and malignant denunciation by the two leading Democratic papers. Then the Assembly expedient of cause-dropping by some one of the "Statesman" clique, and what purports to be an expose of the Constitution, oaths, covenantors, &c., of the Order, and the proceedings in one of the "Wigwams." Then to give the death blow to the "conspiracy,"—to cause all timid freemen, and whig into the ranks all Soft Democrats, this vive voce act has been passed.

Among the measures proposed by the Legislature are a Liquor law, a regulation of School matters, the organization of townships as a substitute for the present County organizations, and several others equally important. The great measure of the session, however, seems likely to be a resolution for defeating the Kansas-Nebraska bill, the President's veto, and the Anti-Know-Nothing demonstration at Washington. I understand that on this the gentlemen are preparing to "spread themselves." The resolution will no doubt pass—and no matter what Ohio, Pennsylvania, &c., have done, MARCY's breeches shall be patched, and a cordial administered to the fainting spirit of the President.

Business is still dull and money scarce. Some are flattering themselves that the crisis has passed, but I do not see as yet reasons for such a belief. Indeed, I believe *such times* are likely to continue here till manufactories are established and a permanent market made at home or abroad for our products. *Hard times* prove one of the richest blessings Oregon has ever enjoyed. They have induced economy, quickened the energies of the people and turned attention to the best interests of the country. Schools, institutions of learning and religion, if not better patronized, are better appreciated and more desired than they were when money was plenty and men were grasping for sudden fortunes.

The trade of the country with California has greatly diminished within a year. Shipping is now a poor investment. Many of the vessels that formerly ran regularly between Portland and San Francisco have sought other employment. The brig *Agate*, of 190 tons, after having made several unprofitable voyages, has started with a cargo of lumber, flour, salmon and spars, for the Sandwich Islands. This is an experiment on the part of the owners, but great hopes are entertained of its success. If the *Agate* makes a profitable voyage, and the market proves good, there are the means of an extensive trade in such articles as the *Agate* took out. The only other articles of export at present are chickens, eggs, butter, hogs, cattle and leather.

The business community have recently experienced a great loss by the destruction of the mills of the Portland Milling Company. The Mills were accidentally set on fire by an Indian.

The steamboats above the Falls have combined and raised the price of freight. They now charge $36 a ton (measurement) for carrying goods to Corvallis—about 100 miles—a pretty heavy charge for these hard times!

The Willamette Falls Canal and Milling Company are making lumber. Their projected works, however, are not progressing. I am informed that there is a division of opinion among the stockholders as to the course to be pursued. Their losses have been enormous, and their property is heavily encumbered. Some of the stockholders prefer losing the whole to incurring any further risks. Should the Company fail and the works stop, it would be a heavy loss to the country.

The new steamboat building at Milwaukie is nearly ready to launch. When she commences running it is hoped there will be a reduction of the rates of passage and freight. At present only one boat runs between this and Portland, and the passage is *three dollars*—distance only 14 miles. What would you New-Yorkers, who ride to Albany for a dollar, think of our prices!

The mail steamer *Columbia*, on her last trip up, "rode her chain" at Crescent City, and so injured her copper that the captain was obliged to "beach" her at Astoria, and repair. Having run on at high tide, he was obliged to lie there about a week. We are consequently without a "States" mail for a whole month. Our mail arrangements are wretched. The Oregon mail is distributed in San Francisco, and there seems to be no case at all in the distribution. Matter for the upper country is found in the Portland and Oregon City box, and much that belongs in Oregon City comes a week or two behind the time, after having made a trip up two up the river. In this way it is, perhaps, that there are so frequent failures, and so much complaint. The New-York WEEKLY TIMES is often missing.

The Indians in this Valley and in the North are now quiet, so far as we hear. The Superintendent of Indian Affairs has recently concluded treaties with the Rogue Rivers and other tribes in the South, and is about to enter into negotiations with the bands in this Valley for the cession of their lands.

The Register and Receiver's office is now open here. The papers of the Surveyor General's office have been transferred to the Register, and nearly all the business pertaining to "claims" is done here. I learn that the office is burdened with business, and an increase of help will be requisite. Many are taking out their "*certificates*" and are ready to sell their land. The time is near for profitable investments in real estate, although the only land for sale is that held by "*settlers*." As yet there is no Government Land open for the location of soldiers' warrants or for purchase.

There is a rumor here that the people in Washington Territory are preparing, at the instigation of Russian agents, to make a filibustering expedition against Vancouver's Island. I can hardly credit the report; still, it is no more foolish and reckless an adventure than hundreds of our "smart people" are ready to rush into.

It is likely that the question of the immediate organization of a State Government will be presented to the people of this territory again at the next general election. How it will be decided cannot safely be predicted. I am of opinion, however, that the measure will meet with more favor than it did last June, although I am not aware of any new arguments that can be adduced in its favor, except that the condition of society is more settled, and business affairs are more permanent and reliable. The prospects for increase of population are far here encouraging. Owing to the hostility of the Indians on the overland route, the equal or superior attractions of Kansas and Nebraska, the hard times here, and the expense of immigration by sea, it is not safe to calculate upon any net increase of population here for a year to come—and should Oregon enter the Confederacy immediately, she must go in as a very "weak sister." DALLES.

JANUARY 2, 1855.

Since writing the above, I have learned from a gentleman, who has come directly from the Indian country east of the Cascade Mountains, that there is some difficulty still with the Indians in that quarter. My informant has been himself connected with a trading party, occupying the station of the former Umatilla agency, about 120 miles beyond the white settlements. The traders there have a large amount of goods, some money and a considerable number of horses—a tempting prize for the Indian tribes, especially if any provocation for an attack should be offered. Such provocation was offered just before my informant left. A white man and Indian had an altercation about a horse, which terminated in the shooting of the Indian. The band to which he belonged, which is a branch of the Cayuses, nation, (the residence of Dr. WHITMAN,) were greatly excited, and the man who killed the Indian having made his escape, they threatened the destruction of the whole party. They were finally prevailed upon to send for the Indian Agent at the Dalles, and leave the adjustment of the affair to him. My informant came off as a messenger for the Agent. The Agent could not go out immediately but sent a letter by express to the Indian Chief, informing him that he would go out within a few weeks. There is much doubt about that being satisfactory, and there is ground to fear that the Indians have resorted to violence.

My informant says that he has learned from friendly Indians about their trading post, that the total extermination of the whites east of the Cascades is debated among the warriors and young men of several tribes in that region. If they do anything at all, they purpose to unite as many

[illegible] as possible, and make their attacks simultaneously upon all the settlements as soon as the Columbia River shall have been frozen up. That such a combination is contemplated by some of the Indians, is more than probable; and the fact that any information of it has been given by any of the Indians, should stimulate all who may be interested to be most vigilant. I must repeat also what I have before said in substance in another letter, that the Government have been inexcusably remiss in providing for the security of our frontier settlements. It is true the establishment of forts through the Snake country along our immigrant road is contemplated, and the punishment of the Snakes next Spring for their robberies and murders is determined upon; but this is all too late. An earlier establishment of the forts, and a more just and energetic administration of our Indian affairs might have prevented the evils and sufferings that have been endured, and saved the expense of a long and bloody war of extermination.

New-Year's Day was enjoyed here a *la* New-York. Business was partially suspended, and the great number of *New-Year's calls* that were made caused the streets to present an unusually lively appearance. B.

CALIFORNIA.

The People of Los Angeles in Arms.

We take the following from an Extra of the *Southern California*, published in Los Angeles:

The arrival of the *Goliah* with the order from the Judge of the Supreme Court, granting a stay of proceedings in the case of BROWN and LEE, and leaving ALVITRE to suffer the penalty which, by one Judge, has been awarded alike to them all, has been received by our citizens with general indignation.

It will be recollected that on the occasion of the murder of CLIFFORD by BROWN, that the citizens were only deterred from hanging the latter, in consequence of the very general confidence reposed in Judge HAYNE and his Court; and it was distinctly understood at the time, that if sentence of death were passed upon him by the said Court, that no outside or foreign influence should interfere to prevent its execution.

Interested parties have, however, thought proper to thwart the popular will in this matter—and we are now keeping the anniversary.

The news arrived here on Wednesday morning—during the day notices were sent out through the country; on Thursday morning the Sheriff, in the anxious state of public feeling, commenced summoning the citizens to attend at the Jail on Friday, the day of execution.

Last night (Thursday evening) one of the largest and most excited mass meetings ever convened in our city, was held in the hammer dining saloon of MONTGOMERY. Upwards of six hundred persons, from all parts of the county, were gathered within and without—numbers being unable to effect an entrance—composed of all classes.

The meeting was called to order at 7½ P. M., and Col. McCLEARAN was chosen Chairman, and Capt. J. D. HUNTER and Don JUAN SEPULVEDA, Vice-Presidents, and FRANK BALL, Secretary. The President briefly stated the objects of the meeting. Capt. A. BELL and others made eloquent speeches to the point.

An article relative to the matter, published in the *Southern Californian*, of Thursday morning, was read to the meeting by Capt. BELL, which was received with unbounded applause, and its sentiments ratified without a dissenting voice.

Among the numerous speeches made on the occasion, was one by his Honor the Mayor, in which he most [illegible] *proclaimed himself in favor of hanging Brown and Alvitre together*. His remarks were listened to with great attention. It will be recollected that mainly to his assertions at the former meeting is due the fact that BROWN was turned over to the authorities, and he then pledged himself that, if justice was not done, he would resign his office, and assist with the people in carrying out the wishes of the public. We presume he will resign, and if so, there can be no doubt that he will be re-elected without a dissenting voice.

A Committee was chosen, composed of Don JUAN SEPULVEDA, Capt. HUNTER, and S. K. LADD, to draft resolutions, who reported the following:

1. *Resolved*, That whereas the time for the execution of BROWN and ALVITRE will have arrived by to-morrow, the 6th day of January, 1855; and as by some means BROWN has received a respite and ALVITRE none; and as they are both equally guilty, we, the Committee, think they should both be executed at the same time, and on the same day.

2. *Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to draft a petition to carry into effect the above resolution, which should be signed by citizens, and the meeting adjourned to Friday morning.

TEN O'CLOCK.—This meeting is now in session; extensive and determined preparations are being made to destroy the designs of an excited populace.

The Sheriff's party having spiked the different pieces of ordnance in the city during the past night, smiths are engaged in drilling them out. The Sheriff is determined to do his duty in carrying out the law at all hazards, having yesterday made his will and prepared himself for every emergency. Some fifteen or twenty men are prepared to stand by him to the death.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK.—The execution is to take place in the jail yard, the hills overlooking which are now becoming covered with the populace.

TWELVE O'CLOCK.—A Committee of our most respectable citizens have just visited the Sheriff to get him to yield up BROWN in view of the frightful crisis.

The citizens are arming and cartridges provided for some pieces of artillery, to be used in demolishing the jail building. HARTER, the Sheriff, has been consulted by the Committee, but still refuses. His friends are using every exertion in their power to prevent the effusion of blood.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.—Two thousand men have gathered from all portions of the County, well armed and determined. One hundred dollars has been paid this morning to the proprietors of the shooting gallery by Californians for leading revolvers. Masses of people are congregating from all quarters. Stores closed.

HALF-PAST ONE.—All business ceased; immense numbers of people are constantly arriving. There cannot be less than five thousand now in and about the city. Crowds are thronging the hill-tops and about the jail yard.

The multitude, in overwhelming masses, are approaching the jail. Excitement increasing to a fearful extent.

THREE O'CLOCK.—ALVITRE hung by the Sheriff; but the rope broke. He was, however, again put up and swung off.

Whereupon, Mayor FOSTER and Capt. HUNTER took the view of the masses on BROWN's case—one universal shout of "aye!" responded to the question whether or not he shall be forthwith executed.

The end not yet.

News has just arrived of the committal of the KING boys in the Monte, for murder, by Squire MANUEL.

LATER.

At 3½ o'clock Mayor FOSTER resigned, and asked the mob if they would wait and let BROWN be hung by the authorities, or if they wanted to hang him immediately; the answer was hanging. The mob then made a rush to the outer gate of the jail and succeeded in effecting an entrance, after which they commenced hewing open the doors with axes, the Sheriff in the meantime having left. At the last accounts—3½ o'clock—they were still breaking open the jail cells in search of the prisoner BROWN, and should they succeed in finding him he will certainly be hung. No resistance was made by the Sheriff and his posse.

Horrible Tragedy.

We take the following from the Los Angeles *Star*: A most fatal affray occurred in the Monte on Sunday afternoon between SAMUEL KING and one and MIGUEL JOHNSON. The particulars, as far as we can learn, are as follows: JOHNSON was in a drinking house, and took occasion, in the presence of one of the sons of Mr. KING, to call him a scoundrel, and many vile epithets, which it is unknown to mention. Young KING told JOHNSON that he should not talk up the quarrel, as he did not consider himself man enough for JOHNSON, but he would find one who would, and left the grocery and took home. Shortly after this JOHNSON saw KING and his sons coming towards him, and he put on his pistol, apparently with the intention of frightening the boy and bringing the by-standers to his aid. Whether these words were any words passed between KING and JOHNSON we have not learned, but in the examination it was proved that KING shot first, and is supposed to have wounded JOHNSON in the shoulder, when JOHNSON drew his pistol and fired upon KING, the shot taking effect in his left breast, in the upper lobe of the left lung, passing entirely through, and mortally wounding him. KING immediately got off from the house and lay down under a grape vine, where he was found dying and calling upon God to receive his soul. JOHNSON then attempted to escape, but was pursued by the KINGS, knocked down and severely beaten. JOHNSON then retreated to a house, barricaded the door, which was broken down by his pursuers, who entered the premises and shot him three, two balls taking effect in his side, one in the head and one [illegible]

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in the arm. JOHNSON died almost immediately from the wounds in his head and side. The young KINGS, after their father's death, came in and gave themselves up, and their examination is now being held.

Our Population.

From the San Francisco Herald, 12th.

In another column will be found an elaborately prepared table, showing the arrival and departure of passengers by sea during the year 1854, now closing. It presents anything but a satisfactory exhibit. While the arrivals this year number only 47,720, the departures have amounted to 24,477, showing a net gain of only 23,253 to our population during the year. There are several features of interest observable in these movements of population. The total arrivals from New-Granada and Central America, which represent those coming from the United States on the Panama and Nicaragua steamers, amounted to 29,663, while the departures by the same conveyances numbered 19,528, leaving an addition of only 10,135 Americans, or individuals from American ports, to our population. This shows a most alarming falling-off as compared with former years. To supply the place of the 19,528 inhabitants who have left us for the Atlantic States, have arrived 15,101 Chinese, a substitute far from being desirable. For ports in China have departed 9,836 passengers, showing an increase of 13,065 Chinese during the year, or more than one half the total addition to our population. The Mexicans seem to be leaving us; for besides the multitudes who return home over land, the arrivals from Mexico have only numbered 591, while the departures have amounted to 1,171, showing a net loss of 580 during the year. Between California and Australia, the account is nearly balanced, 512 arrivals to 535 departures. The same is true with reference to the Sandwich Islands, the record standing 397 arrivals to 392 departures. Comparing one quarter with another, it will be seen that the arrivals in April, May and June, were the most numerous. Within the last three months they have greatly fallen off, California having gained during that time but 1,761 inhabitants, or an average of only 587 per month. One gratifying fact is exhibited by reference to the table—the very large proportion the women and children constitute of the whole addition to our population. For every three men who have reached our shores, two have departed; while five women and children have come among us for every one that has left. We have thus far confined our observations to the movements of passengers by sea. To obtain the actual increase of our population during the year, we must add the number of immigrants who have crossed the Plains during the past season. We have no very accurate data to determine this, and must therefore rely upon report. The estimates of the number have varied between 25,000 and 40,000. We do not think they have exceeded the smallest number. Adding 25,000 therefore to the excess of arrivals by sea, 23,253, and we may set down our increase of population from all sources at 48,253, or in round numbers 50,000. This will never do. If any further argument were needed to demonstrate the absolute necessity of improving the Emigrant Road, and establishing a line of stages across the Plains, it would be furnished by a study of the exhibit we present to-day. Everything in the State is overdone. Preparations have been made for a population of one million, and unless we speedily adopt means to raise the number of inhabitants to something like that amount, we must retrograde.

Advantages of the Port of Manzanillo.

PORT OF MANZANILLO, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1854.

To the Editor of the San Francisco Herald:

By this communication I wish to have the public know the great advantages that present themselves at this port as a rendezvous for whalers on the Pacific coast. This is my first visit, having arrived here the day before yesterday, in company with the ship *Franklin*, Capt. J. RICHMOND, New-Bedford whaler. Plenty of wood and water can be had, the only expense being for labor in procuring the articles. A stream of water at the north part of the bay affords an ample supply at all times. I am informed by a German resident, that Mr. WM. FOSTER, an American citizen, has procured permission from the Mexican Government for two lines of steamers to touch in at this port free from all port charges. This will enable those in our line of business to communicate with their friends semi-monthly, a great convenience to seafaring men.

The ship *Franklin* and the bark *R. Adams* are now at anchor in seven fathoms of water, and less than seventy-five yards from the shore. The bay is perfectly land-locked, and secure in any weather. I have been absent from San Francisco two months, and report 800 barrels sperm and 25 barrels whale oil. By the Captain of the Port, I am informed that the Collector will grant the same privileges to whalers here that the Government have in the port of Mazatlan, viz.: To enter, and remain three weeks free from port charges. Please give this notice an insertion in your valuable journal for the benefit of the trade.

THOMAS S. ANDREWS,
Master bark *R. Adams*, San Francisco.

I subscribe to the foregoing statement.

J. RICHMOND,
Master ship *Franklin*, New-Bedford.

Directions to Find the Port of Manzanillo.

To the Editor of the San Francisco Herald:

The best guide for finding this port is the large white rock bearing south about five miles. It is large and very white and can be seen at sea for more than fifteen miles in clear weather, when it has the appearance of a large white semicircle on the side of the cliff at the back. The small white rock of St. Antonio is only visible from the position in the margin, and is very small, as well as the other white rock, bearing about E. by S. There is not the slightest appearance of a house of any description by which the harbor can be found until inside of Point St. Francisco; but by attending to the large white rock above-mentioned, the port cannot be missed, as there is no other rock like it within at least forty miles either way. The latitude of Manzanillo is 29° 2' N.; longitude 104° 47' W., from Greenwich.

THOS. S. ANDREWS,
Master bark *R. Adams*, San Francisco.

Manzanilla.

Mexican papers of a late date contain a decree granting a privilege to Mr. WILLIAM FOSTER, Agent for the American Steam Company's line, known by the name of "Nicaragua and Independence," to allow of the steamers touching at the Mexican port of Manzanilla, in coming and going to and from San Francisco and San Juan del Sur and Panama. The following are the principal provisions of the decree:

ARTICLE 1. Grants the privilege, free of tonnage duty, for nine years.

ART. 2. Allows Mr. FOSTER or his representative to provide his steamers in said port with provisions necessary for the voyage, observing the existing laws.

ART. 3. Provides that stores for depositing coals, and an office for the agent may be built outside the town of Manzanilla, without paying rent for the ground occupied, if this belongs to the public lands.

ART. 4. Allows the introduction, free of duty, of all the materials necessary for the construction of said store, to be built of masonry.

ART. 5. Provides that the stores and office become the property of the Mexican Government at the expiration of the nine years mentioned in the first article.

ART. 6. The steamers touching at the port of Manzanilla may bring and take passengers and letters, coined silver and gold, paying the duties established by the Mexican Custom-House tariff, or to be established in future. But they are not allowed to import or export other goods, consequently, are prohibited opening their hatchways, receiving on board a Custom-House officer during the time they remain in port.

ART. 7. Vessels carrying coals for the use of said steamers shall pay a tonnage duty of four reals per ton, as ordered by the decree of the 14th of October, 1853.

ART. 8. The coals brought by these vessels shall be free of duty; but the vessels are not allowed to carry any other goods except the coals, under the fine of confiscation.

ART. 9. The steamers shall not be obliged to deliver their manifests, nor to forego any other formalities except to comply with the rules and regulations existing already, or to be given in future.

ART. 10. The steamers shall carry the Government mails for that line free of charge.

Mr. FOSTER died at Saltello on the 27th November. He was United States Consul at Coahuila and Nuevo Leon.

News from the Ocean Expedition.

The schooner *Julius Pringle* left San Francisco on the 23d of August last, to recover a treasure of fifteen millions of dollars, said to have been buried on Cocos Island many years ago. We have been permitted to peruse a letter written by a gentleman, who went down on the expedition, to his son in this city. The writer is a physician of many years' experience, which may explain his success with the dying man. The letter was brought up by the Steam Packet on her last trip, and from it we take the following extracts, all having any bearing on the movements of the expedition:

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Sunday, Dec. 24, 1854.

DEAR ——: After incredible labor at "Cocos," during more than forty days, we found that ——'s instructions were a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, based upon rumor, and gotten up by —— and himself, believing that the treasure was there and that as strong a force as ours might stumble upon it, and they would come in for a large share without risk or expense. We determined to proceed to Punta Arenas, the locality of CHAPLAIN's death, and see what further information we could obtain. At this place we remained seven weeks. —— and —— spent rent into the interior to find "Cocos, on the truth of the CHAPLAIN papers," when it was discovered that they were a nonentity—never were. CHAPLAIN never had "papers"—never made a dying confession; nor, indeed, did he know exactly where the money was deposited, although one of the party that placed it there. In this state of the case we were in despair, but fortune favored us. —— has the commendable quality of inquisitiveness, and loves to talk Spanish. Inquiring of every one he met concerning a certain "Black Doctor," who was said to have poisoned CHAPLAIN, that he might possess himself of his effects, he found out that there was a man in Alajuela, some sixty miles inland, who had sure directions for finding the deposit. Accordingly, ——, ——, and myself proceeded to that place. We found the man, who satisfied us that his knowledge was perfect, but refused to let us have the papers. After much negotiation he agreed to go to Cocos with us, for a specified share. In the meantime, our vessel had gone to this place, (San Juan,) with a cargo, and would not return to Punta Arenas for ten or twelve days. We proceeded to San José, intending to take him with us on our return. On our re-visit, strange to say, we found him dying! It appeared as if a strange fatality attended every one who possessed the secret, just as he was about to avail himself of it. I have counted, I believe, thirteen, who have died with it in their hands. It is now in mine, and it takes not a little courage to hold on to it, but it would take several death's heads to make me give up the chance of a million. To return, *he had been confessed and received the last sacrament*—had made up his mind to die, and messes were being said for his soul! *In this state* he declared to us the truth of his statements. Seeing the difficulties that we should have to contend with should he die, I determined to try to save him, although he was pulseless, almost speechless, and in the cold, clammy sweat of death. I pitched in, and after combatting the grave for two nights and a day, with —— to help me, and he was a glorious nurse, in and behold, he revived! The townsfolk attributed his recovery to the Saints and me, (and in their admiration, which became oppressive, I don't know if they have not enrolled me in the calendar,) and he in gratitude gave *us up the papers!* We shall leave this place for Cocos in three or four days, and if we do not find the treasure, I shall never rely on death-bed asseverations in future. I think we shall return to this place in about three weeks; and that we shall have the treasure. I have no more doubt than that I am alive. If we do, we shall put it on board a steamer and then ho! for San Francisco!

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As ever, yours, etc.

The following, addressed to a gentleman in San Francisco, is from another of the Company. It corroborates the statement of the first writer:

SAN JUAN DEL SUD, Dec. 28, 1854.

DEAR FRIEND: I suppose you are somewhat surprised at not having seen me since our last parting, in August, and perhaps more so at not hearing from me. But when I give you some of my reasons, I hope you may think they are good ones for my silence. As you are probably aware, our first attempt at the treasure was a failure. The information we left San Francisco with was naught; equally as good can be had in almost any port on the coast. When, however, we left the Island, Capt. —— wished to visit Point Arenas, in Costa Rica, saying that the author of all our information had died there in the year 1845, and probably left his papers in the hands of the Spaniard at whose house he died. We went there, and found that the family had removed to the interior some years previous; and resolving not to leave a chance behind, the Captain and myself left to hunt him, and fortunately succeeded in finding him; but when we inquired for papers, he only rebelled that the man was said to have been on his way to the Island of Cocos in search of a treasure; but as to their whereabouts or existence he knew nothing, but consented, on strength of large promises in case of success, to accompany us to the coast, where all his, together with our hunting, was of no avail. Whereas all the talking in Spanish devolved upon me, I went on shore one morning—after having sustained myself and the balance of the party with hope up to this time, without one chance of learning anything further—to make indiscriminate inquiry of every one I met as to what they knew of the Island, &c.; when having conversed with two or three, under the pretext of making inquiry for great chief, I was shown a man coming up the street who had been Captain of different little coasting craft, and sought to have information where the most shell was to be had. Now you see as I wanted to load the schooner with shells, (in a hole, as I had "nary scad" in my pocket except borrowed ones, and very few at that,) I walked boldly up to Mr. Spaniard, and commenced talking about shells, and soon knew all he did, or was willing I should, about them, when I branched off upon Cocos—when he told me that he had recently seen a chart of the Island, a description of the place where the money was buried, to all of which he added that of the man's name, residence, &c. Here was another trip to the interior, which, when made, resulted more favorably than the last. Dr. —— and Mr. —— and myself were of the party, and on our return brought with us the papers that I am almost certain will lead us to the treasure. Knowing the Island as well as I do, and the chance for success, I am in better spirits than when I left San Francisco. The state of excitement and the climate, however, brought on a fever about a week since, but under the hands of Dr. ——, have recovered almost entirely, and I hope to be able to come up about the second steamer after the one that brings you this, with the treasure. * * * *.

Cultivation of Tobacco.

Several notices are made, says the *Herald*, of the growth of tobacco at different points on the Pacific coast, from which it would appear that the plant thrives wonderfully here. The climate appears favorable, and our rich virgin soil is all that could be desired to produce it in perfection. The farmers have heretofore confined their labors to two or three crops. The consequence has been an over-production, and considerable losses. If tobacco of prime quality can be raised in this State, its cultivation will be more profitable than that of any other crop to which attention is now devoted. There is an immense amount of tobacco and cigars imported annually into this State. If for these the domestic article can be substituted, it will save millions of dollars to our people, and transfer to the pockets of our own agriculturists what is now exported to enrich foreigners. We see no reason why tobacco, equal to that of Virginia or Cuba, should not be raised here, and a new source of industry opened to our people. The demand will always exceed the supply for many years to come, and there need be no fear that a market will be wanting. The duty on the foreign article will be more than sufficient to protect the home producer and manufacturer, while the labor of the Chinese might be profitably employed in cultivating the plant. There are thousands in the State who understand cultivation—it would be well for them to try the experiment on a liberal scale this season.

Chaplains of the Assembly.

Rev. J. L. SAUCK, a Baptist Minister, has sent a communication to the Assembly, reiterating the declaration that he would only consent to serve as Chaplain of the Assembly *if no salary* was connected with the office—that his idea of the office was honorable usefulness, not pay. Rev. J. A. BENTON, a Presbyterian clergyman, is a poor man, and has no means of living except as he obtains them by his professional services, and declines serving *without* pay.

Petropaulowski.

From the Alta California.

Since the repulse of the Allied squadron in attacking the town of Petropaulowski, its name has become as familiar as "household words." In the works of the early navigators it is described with considerable minuteness, particularly by COOK and LA PEROUSE, both of whom speak of the inhabitants in the highest terms of praise for the attentions extended towards them. In the large atlas accompanying PEROUSE's voyages an elegant steel engraving of Petropaulowski is given. We extract the following from the published works of the unfortunate LA PEROUSE:

"The Bay of Avatscha is certainly the finest, safest, and most commodious that is possible to be found in any part of the globe. Its entrance is narrow, and ships would be obliged to pass under the guns of the forts that might be erected. The bottom is mud, and excellent holding ground. Two spacious harbors, one on the east and the other on the west, are capable of holding the whole of the French and English navies. The rivers of Avatscha and Paratounka disembogue themselves into this bay; but they are choked up with banks, and can be entered only at high water. The village of St. Peter and St. Paul is situated on a niche of land, which, like a jetty made by the hand of man, forms behind the village a small harbor, as close as a circus, in which three or four ships might be laid up for the Winter. The opening of this sort of basin is not above fifty paces wide; and there can be nothing in nature more safe and commodious. On the borders of this basin Mr. KALSOFF proposes to make the plan of a city, which will become at some future period the Capital of Kamschatka, and perhaps the centre of an extensive commerce with Japan, China, the Philippine Islands and America. A vast pool of fresh water lies to the north of this intended city, and several little rivulets run within six hundred yards of it, the streams of which might easily be united, and would afford this spot all the conveniences necessary for a numerous population. Mr. KALSOFF knows the value of these advantages; but first of all, he repeated a hundred times, we must have hands and bread, and both there are yet extremely scarce. He had issued orders, however, which announced a speedy union of different convoys with that of St. Peter and St. Paul, where he proposed to build a church without delay."

Escape of the State Prison Convicts.

In describing the escape of the State Prison convicts from the San José prison, the San Jose *Tribune* says: "Some time during Sunday night last, five of the seven State prisoners recently lodged in our jail made their escape and left for parts unknown. On examination of the cell where they were confined, it appears that they unfastened their handcuffs and availed themselves of a bar of iron which had been carelessly left in the cell, and succeeded in wrenching off the lock of the door. Once in the passage-way, an opening was easily made through the outside wall by tumbling out a few bricks under the grating of one of the windows. It is an *unfortunate* circumstance, to say the least, that no one was about the premises at the time, since all this enterprising labor on the part of the rascals would have aroused a Rip Van Winkle, had he been taking his nap in the vicinity."

Crime in Marysville.

During the three months ending Dec. 31, 1854, 235 offenders were arraigned in the Mayor's Court of Marysville, of whom 100 were arrested for breaking the peace, 41 for drinking and disorderly conduct, 27 for assault and battery, 15 for violation of city ordinances, 10 for malicious mischief, 6 for misdemeanor, 9 for displaying deadly weapons, 3 for assault with deadly weapons, 2 for assault with intent to kill, 15 for petit and 6 for grand larceny, and 1 for arson. Of the whole number, 37 were discharged, 63 imprisoned, 124 fined, 6 held to answer, 3 transferred to justice, and 1 appealed.

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

We have dates from Honolulu to the 23d of December—being one week later than previous advices. Prince LIHOLIHO has ascended the throne, vacant by the death of the old King; and the scheme of annexation, at least for the present, may be regarded as abandoned. The news is not important.

The New King.

The *Polynesian* says: The Court has gone into mourning for three months, for the death of his late Majesty King KAMEHAMEHA III. The funeral of his late Majesty will take place on Saturday, the 30th of December, agreeable to public notice, which will be given hereafter. At the Privy Council of the 16th, the Ministers of the late King offered their condolence, and placed their respective portfolios at the disposal of his present Majesty King KAMEHAMEHA IV. The members of his Privy Council followed this example. All assured his Majesty of their loyal attachment and faithful allegiance. It pleased the King to address his Council in the following words:

CHIEFS: I have become, by the will of God, your Father, as I have been your child. You must help me, for I stand in need of help.

To you, Ministers, and other high officers of State of our late King, I return my sincere thanks for the expressions of condolence with which you have this morning comforted me. I request of you to continue your labors in the several positions you have hitherto held, until when my grief shall have allowed me time for reflection, I make such new arrangements as shall seem proper.

All thank the members of this Council in general for their condolence, who will, also, I hope, assist me with their advice, as though they had been appointed by myself.

The American brig *Noble* sailed for San Francisco on Wednesday last, says the *Polynesian* of Dec. 23. This vessel, it will be recollected, was at Petropaulovski last Summer, when that place was attacked by the Allied fleet, and received about thrice as many shots during the bombardment as the Russian frigate *Aurora*. She is now due at this port.

The Russian Prisoners.

The *Polynesian* says there are on board the British frigate *Amphitrite* some twelve or fifteen Russian prisoners, being the captain and crew of the Russian ship *Sitka*, captured by the squadron at the North in August last. They will be landed at Tahiti, on the arrival of the *Amphitrite* at that island.

First Public Appearance of the New King.

The first appearance in public of His present Majesty, King KAMEHAMEHA the IVth, was on Sunday last, in the House of God, leading his sister, Her Royal Highness Princess VICTORIA, on his left, and followed by the Ministers of the late King. A sermon was delivered, adapted to the occasion, by Rev. Mr. CLARK, in the Hawaiian language.

Men-of-War at Honolulu.

Since our last issue, says the *Polynesian* of the 23d December, the British frigates *Amphitrite* and *Pique* have arrived at this port from San Francisco, which makes six men-of-war in our harbor, of three different nations, viz.: one American, three English and two French. The *Amphitrite* sails to-day for the South American coast, touching at Tahiti and Pitcairn's Island.

Honors to the New King.

At 12 o'clock, on the 16th, the Royal Standard at the Palace, and the National Standards at the Fort and on Punch Bowl, were raised from half-mast, and a salute of 21 guns fired in honor of the accession to the throne of H. R. H. Prince ALEXANDER LIHOLIHO, under the title of KAMEHAMEHA IV. This salute was immediately responded to by all the men-of-war in port, with the Hawaiian ensign at the main. After which the flags were lowered again to half-mast, where they will continue to be worn until the obsequies of His late Majesty, which will take place on Saturday, the 30th inst.

Whaleship at Auction.

The whaling-ship *Black Warrior* was sold at auction on Tuesday last, with her inventory, for $1,100. JOHN F. COLBURN, auctioneer; JAMES MAHER, Esq., purchaser.

AUSTRALIA.

We receive most of our files from Sydney down to Nov. 23, but we glean little from them that is new:

From the Maitland Mercury of Saturday.

IMMIGRANTS.—The immigrants who arrived at Maitland on Tuesday last have been sent out under the Assisted Emigration Act, and are all unmarried females from eighteen to twenty-five years of age. Two have been engaged. There are also nine male immigrants unengaged. They are miners by trade, and consider themselves not fitted for any other kind of employment. Having been sent out under the Assisted Emigration Act, their employers have to pay £9 in advance, but several others previously engaged having deserted their service, the employers feel disinclined to run any further risks, and these men remain unemployed.

In the Victoria Legislative Council Mr ANSTEY next proposed that a branch of the royal family should be requested to become King of Victoria, and that his Majesty should be "hereditary Chief Magistrate." He argued that "a monarch to be of any use, ought not to be 16,000 miles off;" that a King we must have; and that the expense of electing a Chief Magistrate exceeds that of supporting a limited monarchy. Mr. GRIFFITH seconded the motion *pro forma*. He thought that a young Prince of the blood, who would, no doubt, ultimately tire of that life of pleasure and dissipation for which Princes of the blood are so proverbial at home, would enjoy founding a dynasty out here. The case had not yet arisen—the Colony not being at present ripe for separation, nor the Princes old enough to have reached the expatriation point in regard to dissipation. However, as the case might arise, he would second the motion.

Miss CATHERINE HAYES had given two concerts at the Queen's Theatre, Melbourne; the first on the evening of Saturday, the 20th ultimo, and the second on Tuesday, the 31st. The *Argus*, of the 30th, devotes a column and a half of its space to a detailed account of the debut of the "Queen of Song" before a Melbourne audience.

The following is the return of visitors at the Victorian exhibition on Tuesday, the 21st ult.—Day visitors, 704 at 2s. 6d., £88; evening do., 408 at 2s. 6d., £50 18s.; children (day) 107 at 1s. 6d., £8 0s. 6d.; do. evening, 13 at 1s. 6d., 19s. 6d. Total for the day, £147 18s. Previous receipts for daily admittance, £1,768 17s. 6d. Total number of season tickets issued to date—gentlemen, 316 at £3 3s., £1,010 8s.; ladies, 278 at £2 2s., £577 4s.—£1,893 14s. 7d. Total receipts to date, £3,809 0s. 6d.

VAN DIEMAN'S LAND.

Victoria Convict Prevention Bill.

In our last we published this document *in extenso*. But one opinion can be entertained of the project. In principle and detail it is detestable. The design is to perpetuate distinctions which every colony in Australia ought to destroy. If it were possible to single out, clothe, in yellow and subject to surveillance those who once "gloried in their shame," and invited the community to admire them as a class that had been prisoners of the Crown, society might have been silent; but there are multitudes whose sympathies have always been on the side of virtue, and who have unostentatiously labored to remove the stigma of convictism, and it would be criminal in their fellow-citizens to stand by and see their feelings lacerated, their established character insulted, and their interests and privileges ignored. All know from report or experience what the passport system is on the continent of Europe, where arbitrary authority prevails, and organized espionage is part of the regular government. The abominable system has never existed in free England, and would not be tolerated for a moment. Is the noxious plant, indigenous to France, Austria, Italy, and Russia, to be transplanted and cultivated as an exotic in Australia? We much mistake the people if they entertain or endure it. It is an insidious blow at the liberty of free men, and the inhabitants of the colony that adopts or sanctions it will be the first to suffer from its inevitable consequences. It is the initiatory step towards despotism. We warn our neighbors on the other side of the straits against rash resolves. In the meantime we publish, by request, the draft of a bill that has been forwarded to the honorable member for Cornwall, and which, if passed, will effectually prevent the existence of agents in this island to carry into effect the nefarious scheme. It will show the Legislature of Victoria that it is beyond their province to legislate for Tasmania. It is the interest of all the Australias, now that transportation has ceased, that intercourse should be free; unimpeded either by clearances or passports. Detected crime can be punished with severity; but as the stream of criminals has been turned aside from these regions, the best method to mitigate the evil that may arise from the residuum of convictism that remains, is to disregard its existence until a fresh offence involves the culprit in penalties already denounced.—*Launceston Examiner.*

The New South Wales Exhibition.

From the Sydney Empire, Nov. 23.

The public interest evoked by the present review of our productive wealth and our progress in industrial pursuits, has greatly increased since its commencement, and the Exhibition is now looked upon as one of the permanent entertainments of Sydney. The satisfactory and even laudatory accounts given by those who have examined the collection have tended to dispel the incredulity of many who had passed a hasty and unfavorable opinion of the probable success of the undertaking; and these have invariably confessed such opinions to have been erroneous. If the unprejudiced visitor does not retire from the Exhibition with any high opinion of the manufacturing genius of this country, he must at least be impressed with the opulence in natural products which the limited labor devoted to their elucidation has served to develop. The desire to become acquainted with the peculiar physical features of the country, and to trace the various departments of useful labor in which their fellow colonists are employed, cannot fail to bind together the members of this mixed community in a tie of common interest, and to promote effectually the cause of morality and social progress.

The number of visitors yesterday was four hundred and eighty-six. The additional specimens received consisted principally of blocks of white coral, native copper, and iron-stone, which were presented by His Excellency the Governor-General.

We proceed to notice some of the specimens of natural products exhibited.

RAW SILK.

Some very beautiful skeins of silk are displayed on the central stall on the right hand, on entering the Exhibition. Four specimens, presented by the Misses WARNER, are of silk from worms reared by them at Lake Macquarie, and are the produce, severally, of the years 1850, '51, '52 and '53. The skeins have a fine gloss, and equal in condition and color to any we have previously seen; they are, however, small in size. In this respect, some specimens exhibited by Mr. SYDNEY COHEN, of George-street, are rather superior, the skeins being of considerable length, while the gloss and color are equally fine. The specimens sent by Mr. PETER CURTIS, of Hunter-street, are also deserving of notice, both for size and condition. The skeins exhibited by Miss WAUGH, of Illawarra, are beautiful specimens.

The rearing of silk worms is carried on at present to a very inconsiderable extent in this country, there being but little inducements held out for the employment. The production, indeed, appears only undertaken as an interesting pastime. Nor does the experiment, successful though it must be acknowledged, appear of any prospective commercial value, as the British and other silk markets are abundantly supplied by the exports of China, India and Italy. A long-established trade in this product, combined with an abundant supply of cheap, skilled labor, gives these countries advantages which would render our competition impracticable; and probably no speculator would embark his capital in the enterprise. Perhaps the only recommendation to the pursuit as a branch of colonial industry, is the adaptation of the soil and climate of Australia to the cultivation of the mulberry tree, which produces the only leaf capable of supporting the silk-worm. The appearance of these humble specimens in the Paris Exhibition, will show that attention has been directed here to the production of the raw material, and that the experiment has been very successful.

Some seven or eight years ago letters appeared in the public journals of Sydney recommending the production of silk as an industrial pursuit. The result was the establishment of a society in which several leading men in the colony took part, to encourage the undertaking. Silk worms were introduced, and their rearing soon became a popular occupation, especially in the county of Cumberland, where in nearly every family the children were delighted to watch the gradual growth and successive transformation of these insects. The ultimate intention of the promoters of this design was to raise it to a branch of colonial industry by rendering raw silk an article of colonial export. This intention was never realized; for about five years after this pursuit was initiated the discovery of gold produced a social revolution in the colony, and this, in common with many other occupations, was summarily stopped. It may be said that time was not allowed for giving the speculation a fair trial; at all events while it lasted it realized no profit to those engaged beyond supplying them with an interesting source of recreation.

STRINGY BARK.

Exhibited on the same table as the above, are two specimens of the bark of native trees of the colony; they may, therefore, be more appropriately noticed as isolated objects than under the class of "Timbers."

The first of these specimens is a strip of what is well known as the stringy bark, and is attached to some rough splints from the timber of that tree. The following information respecting it is communicated by the exhibitor, Dr. WILLIAM STEPHENSON, of Manning River: "This substance is the inner bark of the Eucalyptus, and is commonly called stringy bark. It is a most important article in the bush, as three-fourths of the huts are roofed with it, and being nearly a non-conductor of caloric, it forms an excellent roof. If put on with care and neatness, it forms a very handsome covering; it will last about seven years, and its cost is merely the labor of getting it. Its applicability to other purposes will be apparent from the specimens sent in the shape of rude splints, which are not intended for the Paris Exhibition, but for the purpose of attracting country cutgrass, to whom the timber may prove of great value, as it can be procured in almost any locality, it can easily be formed into any shape, and is perfectly efficient in its application to almost every case of fracture. It is also frequently used for tanking, training vines, &c."

The stringy bark is extensively used throughout the colony for cordage, for which purpose it is well adapted from its extreme toughness. It is also used by the aborigines for their gunyahs, who bend it over horizontal poles fixed about four feet from the ground.

The second specimen is a strip of the inner bark of a tree of similar nature to the above, but possessing a finer and more regular fibre. The tree in question is the Sterculia, known by the native name of kurrajong. This bark is remarkable for its extreme firmness, and is used in some districts for fastening flour bags, and as a general substitute for string; for the purpose, however, of the former, the bark bears a close resemblance to flax, and possesses many of the properties of the Phormium tenax of New-Zealand.

The exhibitor of this spectimen, Dr. STEPHENSON, writes: "It is used by the aborigines for collecting the liquid (wild) honey, which may be sucked from the cones in the act of cutting it out of the tree; it is also used for lashing. The lattice work (or interstices) contains an edible substance."

As announced in another column the Exhibition will to-day be open to the public, and there is little doubt that it will be visited by a large number. The doors will be open at 11 o'clock, and close at 6 o'clock.

San Francisco Market.—JAN. 15.

The week just passed has been one of extreme dullness in all business circles. This has caused considerable surprise, as the weather has been all that could be desired, but, for what reason we do not pretend to say, such has been the case. The demand from the interior has been extremely limited, while the jobbers have merely purchased small invoices of very desirable goods. In fact we have not for months past witnessed a similar timeothan the interval between the departure of the steamers of Jan. 9, and 16. We have no doubt that this stagnation is only temporary, but we have all along held to the idea that the interior was well stocked with goods, and we cannot expect any general movement of consequence before the Spring is well open. The traders now have no money, and consequently the slow sales down for fresh goods even when they really require them, but the change in the weather will bring things right eventually, and we have been too long accustomed to dull times in San Francisco to feel much surprised at such an interval occurring in the midst of the Winter season.

DRY GOODS—Imports from Dec. 31 to Jan. 14, 330 bales, 463 cases, 106 pks. Duck—16 bales, 637 bolts. Blankets—63 bales, 27 cases. The most, and indeed only important movement which we have to record in Dry Goods since our last, has been the advance in Drills, the stock of which is now more concentrated than heretofore, although the movement has been going on for some time past. The principal holders of this description of goods manifest no desire to sell even at present enhanced rates, and the sales of the week, which sum up about 300 bales, have been mostly made by outside parties, and in small lots. At the close 10c. was offered for a considerable parcel, but declined; from during the week have ranged from 9c. to 9½c. The market for Sheetings has continued very active

Future of the German Element in America.

Germans Speaking for Themselves.

Translated from the New-Yorker Staats Zeitung.—No. II.

The German popular festivals will, hereafter, exercise a powerful influence over the formation and tone of American society. This influence we may hasten. We have seen with what attention our musical and Turner celebrations have been regarded by the Americans. The latter thus prove that they, by no means, lack susceptibility for these festivals, but that, simply, the cultivated and established taste, the requisite social jollity of disposition, are wanting. On the other hand, it cannot be denied that the American has weighty grounds which have hitherto kept him from mingling with us at our celebrations, in any other capacity than as a spectator. The American always purses some object in everything he undertakes, and up to the present time, he could hardly have observed any particular aim whatever in our festivals. The Turner celebrations, the singing festivals, the lately originated shooting celebrations, the May festivals, &c., are gratifying in each and every one of these circles, gratifying at all events, to the whole German population, likewise; but the true popular festival should embrace, within itself a complete reflection of all phases of a people's life, industry and culture; should sensibly represent all the main features of a people's actuality; should direct the imagination of the people to what is great and beautiful; bring back the freshness of nature to the dry and stagnant waste of our daily existence; battle against sectarian fanaticism and the politics of form, and develop our mental and spiritual as well as our physical energies. Then will the American recognize an aim in our popular festivals, and then, too, will they at length be of real importance to us. We complain that our American fellow-citizens misunderstand us, and fail to comprehend, aright, the German system of life. How inconsiderate are such complaints! How can we expect them to understand the manifestations of a people's character, when they do not understand the character itself? We ask that they shall find themselves perfectly at home with our ways and mode of life, yet would it not be much more natural for us to put our popular festivals in such shape, surround them with such relations, render them subordinate to such tendencies as would make us fully understood, and not only create in the minds of our neighbors a taste and sympathy for our mode of demonstration, but, likewise, make *them feel disposed to imitate us?* The Americans have their agricultural and other fairs, their scientific conventions. The former, already in many places, present all the features of a genuine popular festival, and this is true of the Fair held in the interior of this State, for instance. The finest productions of industry and skill are there spread out for exhibition. Crowds of people swarm to the spot from far and near. But the main ceremonial, like the central point of all, is an address or lecture from some one of our most learned or most highly esteemed men. But at those fairs the social festivities, music and song, are wanting. How would it answer, now, were we to fill up those gaps, on such occasions, or, if the reader prefer it, were we to let such festivals fill up the gaps left in our own? How would it do for us to let such occasions serve as the points of union between us, or for us to celebrate our Singing and Turner celebrations along with the American fairs? In making this suggestion it has not, of course, been our intention to lay down rules or directions—we have merely desired to offer the idea for what it is worth; but earnestly it would be a noble thing if we could unite, in our popular festivals, the elements of all the amenities of ideal life with the stately celebration of agricultural science and mechanical art, thus blending with our own the practical features of the American fair, and imparting to about the jovial, social characteristics that so elevate and refresh the mind and exhilarate the spirits, in our German celebrations.

In those public festivals which have mainly for their object personal development, exhilaration and high improvement, the Germans surpass all nations of past or modern times, excepting only the Ancient Greeks, of whom Germans and Americans alike have much to learn. WILHELM VON HUMBOLDT is right when he says that the Germans are, in their attitude, the Greeks of modern days, but a single, rapid glance at the celebrations of the Greeks is sufficient to show us that we are still far behind them—a circumstance which, unfortunately, has its source in the political circumstances of Germany. Here, there are no political circumstances that hinder development; here, there is nothing in the way to prevent the full attainment of every excellence that distinguished the popular festivals of the Greeks.

The Greeks regarded their public festivals as very serious affairs, as did the latest of the great German philosophers, who looked upon them as the soul essence, the very inner-soul of human existence; because, within themselves, they are the most life-like, the most glowing manifestations that disclose the consciousness of loftier being, elevated far above all earthly cares, all earthly limits.

While XERXES was forcing the Pass of Thermopylæ, the Greeks were quietly celebrating the Olympic Games, and then went forth against that mighty monarch to achieve their great Olympic victory over him. No other nation made the free and full development of the energies of life so intensely an aim, as did the Greeks the manly powers of their citizens. The youthful strength and valor of the rising generation were consecrated to the Gods. The Greeks did not seek after the enjoyment of life in slothful ease; they could not even form their conception of the islands of the Blest, without introducing their favorite arenas. That strength of enjoyment which overpowers all the dullness and worry of life, the youthful susceptibility of the people blended therewith, and a lofty elasticity of spirit formed the fairest heritage of the Greeks. However, joy itself is exhausting, just as trouble and care sap away the marrow of existence and prevent the up-springing of vigorous effort. The Greeks, we know, divided time by Olympiads, and named these after the victor in the race. All the sons of HELLA were invited to these festivals by the sacred heralds, the peace-messengers of divinity; and only those attainted of crime were excluded, particularly such as had stained in sight relating to their country's cause or had tampered with her foes. The Eleans were constantly occupied with the extension of the Olympic Games, with the propagation of those ideas which encouraged their observance, the jewel of their State and the source of its prosperity. Thus, the single holiday gradually became a succession of five such days, set apart to give all a fair opportunity of estimating and admiring the beautiful productions of art and skill on exhibition, and the accomplishment of the young men who took part in the games. After the fall of Pisa, the Eleans would allow no city to be built around the sacred grove of Olympia. The forest's solitude was good for the soul. There were only villages in the neighborhood, and, in point of rural economy, it was the most prosperous and well cultivated portion of Greece. In Olympia the sons of Hellas gathered from all the shores of the Mediterranean and Black Sea, where they had founded flourishing colonies. Each one brought with him a selection from the varieties of his province and his city. Thus important alliances were formed and renewed. Triumph at the Olympic Games was no isolated circumstance, but the beginning of a new life, the rising of a sun that was to shed its genial and enlivening rays over the whole existence of the crowned victor, his family, race, and his native city; for the Greek never considered himself isolated, but in living cohesion with his native earth and the community to which he belonged. Hence, the first festive rejoicing which could not be carried into full effect, amid the hush and divided attention of Olympia, was followed by the special festivity on the occasion of the victor's return to his home, when he was led to the temple of the gods. The fairest attraction of this ceremony was the ode that accompanied the procession, or was sung at the banquet. Fortunate was he who could procure a PINDAR, through whose odes there breathed a lofty earnestness of thought, and who stepped forth like a prophet, before the great ones of the earth. In PINDAR'S odes, the Olympic Games found their highest consecration, their most exalted renown; and these noble poems were sown abroad, like golden seeds, on all the coasts that gird the Mediterranean; they were graven on the pillars of the temples, and sung from generation to generation, and thus working onward with the silent power of mighty thoughts, awoke a nobler life. The Olympian course was studded with a grove of splendid statues, and PHIDIAS himself, the King of Art, accompanied by his most illustrious pupils and a host of master workmen from Attica, hastened hither to devote his ripened genius, his accumulated experience, to the grandest design of his life—to exalt Zeus, the national divinity of Greece, on his worthiest pedestal, and to enthrone him in such majesty there, that the mere copies of his glorious work still, in these distant ages, stimulate us to loftier exertion, by the mingled expression of paternal mildness, and yet world-shaking power, that rests upon its face.

Plastic Art was the very organic capacity of the Greeks—their speech, the expression of their thought, the form of their devotion, in happiness or misery. The compacts and treaties of the various States were engraven on pillars, so that all Greece was witness to their mutual engagements, and the holy grove became an archive of Grecian history in *brass and marble.*

In these celebrations there was much that could be adapted to our German festivals; we could, for instance, accept them as the model of our aim. Between Germans and Greciens, between Germany and Greece, many a parallel might be drawn. We fear that Germany has got beyond the summit of her greatness, and that the period has now commenced for her, in which nations no longer emerge with productive energy but begin to live upon the glories of their past. Germany has discharged her mission in the world's history, she has attained her destination, completed her task,—we fear that there is nothing further for her to accomplish. Already, has she begun to send the finest energies of her *people across the ocean, to enrich the distant western* land in which we live with her treasures, with the treasures of mind and heart, with the acquisitions, the source of their country's prosperity.

Fever and Ague in the Catskills.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: I believe it is a political maxim that everything is just which is for the good of the State. Whether this be so or not, I presume your various correspondents on the "Fever and Ague" question are only desirous of information for their and the public good. For the same reason you admit and invite opinions on the subject. In accordance with your invitation to Doctors to-day, I volunteer my humble quota to the general stock, only premising that I am not particularly interested in the letting of houses, sales of lots, quinine, or in the "extension of practice in the catskills."

"Stone" suggests that fever and ague prevails almost anywhere within an hour's ride of the City Hall; you add that it has been very "prevalent in the City during the last three years." Whereupon, your correspondents "Truth," "Trawets," &c., become unnecessarily excited to remove the stigma from their various localities. Now, the fact is, you are all right, and partly, all wrong. There is much speculative fancy about the phenomena of fever and ague, and much assumption about the exciting causes of this disease. Investigations and observation have proved that the narrow theory of localization to marshy or low grounds is not tenable, as the origination of fever and ague. The disease is found to prevail equally in the midst of open woods on elevated ground, and in low and dense brushwood. Ponds and marshes dried up by Summer heats—the ebb of tidal rivers—the exposure of land by felled timber—high pasture land when plowed—the steeping of flax and hemp—the decomposition of potatoes—the leakage of sugar—the contents of bilge-water or chips and shavings—and neglected sewers, have all successively been charged and condemned as productive of fever and ague.

A Dr. STONE, of England, lately asserted that he had traced the origin of fever and ague more in cities than in the country. With him, fever entered into houses by untrapped drains and sewers. The sewers run near to the coal cellars, and when the fires of the houses burn brightly the exhalations rise and are distributed all over the neighborhood. So with open drains at the corners of our streets. It is said their exhalations are always emitted in the direction of heat.

Many medical men, while admitting that the evils arising from the miasma of decomposing vegetable matter are legion, yet deny this as a cause of the origin of fever and ague. Some of the highest names in Europe have testified that the worst fevers *of this disease are always found in hot seasons in arid lands,* which at all other seasons and periods are healthy. I have observed, also, that marsh air or miasma do not always cause the complaint, but at times seemed to originate from a disturbed state of the atmosphere. Now I am daily exposed to the emanations of marsh effluvia, and fever and ague influence, as it is called, but there is little of the disease experienced in my neighborhood; while in districts where no apparent fever and ague influences exist, I find many complaining. Grouping these facts together collectively, and adding my own observations, I draw this inference: that the principal condition requisite to the production of fever and ague is a soil capable of absorption, and a paucity of water where it previously abounded—that is, when drouth has succeeded to moisture—that the human body, to be properly fitted for the disease, must have been previously subjected to the influence of long continued heat, cold, fatigue, excessive eating and drinking, the depressing passions, dyscentery or hepatitis.

To guard against and defy Fever and Ague, whether it be at Morrisania, Fort Washington, New-Jersey, Bedford, or Yonkers, avoid any conduct that will predispose the individual to disease. The body, the soil, and the climate are governed by organic laws. That of the body is to be temperate; take plenty of out-door exercise; keep the skin clean; eat light suppers; when the atmosphere is highly charged with electricity eat that food which has lose of the electric element, and wear that clothing which facilitates the escape of that fluid from the body; when the atmosphere is damp, chilly, or deficient of the electric element, wear silk or leather under clothing, to prevent the escape of the body's electricity, and partake of that food most charged with the electric element. Adopt this practice, and rent a house wherever convenient.

DOCTOR FORTEN.

BUSHWICK, L. I., near Newtown Creek.

Light Weights and Short Measures.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Thanks, Mr. TIMES, for your timely and efficient services in the cause of full weight and measure; thousands will bless you for your kind efforts. Many, it is true, may curse you, but the good opinion of such would be a taint upon your character. Believing those who sell fourteen ounces to the pound, whether candles or any other commodity, but little, if anything, better than robbers, so far as high moral principle is concerned, I should regard with suspicion those whom they commend. Here in New-Jersey the people suffer from like practices, though it should be stated that New-York set the example. I am happy, however, to observe that one house in this City, engaged in the candle business, have already asked the interposition of the State Legislature to protect them and compel parties to give sixteen ounces to the pound. A movement of this kind was commenced, I believe, in your city some time, since by your highly honorable manufacturers of candles; but meeting with so much discouragement from certain members of the trade, and one of the parties being overtaken by sickness, the project was for the time deferred, though for the sake of the cause of justice it is hoped not abandoned.

The subject of light weights at the present time is receiving much attention—but by far too little, when the importance of the subject is considered. The people of New-York suffer to the amount of thousands weekly from this rascally system of light weights and short measures alone. When it is considered what are the *professions* of many of these light weight dealers, the wonder is can they have ever read—

"Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights—a great and a small.

"Thou shalt not have in thy house divers measures—a great and a small.

"But thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have; that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

"For all that do such things, are an abomination unto the Lord thy God."—Deut. xxv., 13 to 16.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 5, 1855. W.

The Western Railroads.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

CHICAGO, Sunday, Feb. 4, 1855.

I am this far along, and the prospect of getting from this point is gloomy enough. All the lines from this point are closed, save the Michigan Central, and that is doubtful. The train which takes this letter may get through. No arrivals from St. Johns for sixteen days. Passengers are scattered all along the route, and can't get either way. I should not have come this way, only that this being the quickest route home, and being told at Cleveland that the lines had all been cleaned out and no further trouble would be had. The fact which gave rise to this report at Cleveland was that a locomotive and tender had managed to get up from Lasalle in six days and brought two passengers with it. This place is jammed full of passengers, snow-bound. They are afraid to go either *East or West. One train was two days and two* nights getting from Cleveland to this city; in fact the train did not and has not yet got up. Fourteen hours is the regular time from Cleveland here. We got within eight miles of Chicago and then froze up. Some of the passengers walked in and got frost bitten. I waited (suffered with cold and hunger) with about two hundred others until sleighs came out for us. It took all night long to bring up the passengers. There were five trains froze up within 10 miles of Chicago, some going East and some West. We had not one bit to eat for forty-two hours, and then replenished on dry crackers and snow. The poor women and children suffered immensely. All men who had any clothing to spare (for humanity sake) had to give it up to women and children to keep them from freezing to death. I thought I had seen snow and sights, but it remained for me to see the elephant on this trip. I can now say that I have seen him. Locomotives and tenders looked more like icebergs than anything else—some of them covered entirely up, buried and forsaken. The Railroad men have done and are doing all that human effort can do, but to little purpose, as it is now snowing "like Sam Hill." I have met friends here from home who have been waiting here thirteen days to get home. Some started in sleighs and went out ten miles, and came back. They found it impossible to get along—all the roads West are filled up so that nothing can pass. The roads South are all closed except below Memphis. I am now at the Tremont, with about forty St. Louisians. The house is full—not a vacant spot left to put one more. Every engine on the Chicago and Missouri Road is frozen up. From 600 to 1,000 men are now at work along the various lines to get the trains underway; and if it would only stop snowing one day it would let us out. N. B. T.

Texas Debt Bill.

Following is the Texas Debt bill as it passed the House:

An act to provide for the payment of such creditors of the late Republic of Texas as are comprehended in the act of Congress of September nine, eighteen hundred and fifty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of five millions of dollars, payable to the State of Texas in five per cent. Stock of the United States, by the act entitled "An act proposing to the State of Texas the establishment of her northern and western boundaries, the relinquishment by the said State of all her claims upon the United States, and to establish a Territorial Government for New-Mexico," passed December ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty—the issuing of which stock was postponed by the first proviso to the fifth proposition contained in the first section of said act—the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the creditors of the late Republic of Texas who hold such bonds, or other evidences of debt, for which the revenues of that Republic were pledged, as were reported to be within the provisions of the said act of September the ninth, eighteen hundred and fifty, by the report of the late Secretary of the Treasury to the President of the United States, and approved by him on the thirteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, or which come within the provisions of said act, according to the opinion upon the Texas compact of the present Attorney General of the United States addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury under date of September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, the sum of six million five hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be apportioned among the said holders *pro rata: Provided,* That the interest on the debt embraced in this act shall be determined by the existing laws of the State of Texas.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases where the State of Texas may have paid any portion of the debt described in this act, the said Secretary shall refund to the proper officer of said State the amount actually so paid by the State, upon the presentation of the receipts of the proper officer, or evidences of said debt on which the said State may have made such payment: *Provided,* The said sum shall not exceed the proportion which would have been allowed the creditor or creditors if such payment on said evidences of debt had not been made by the State of Texas; *and where the said sum that may be refunded to the State of Texas by the provisions of this section is less than the proportion which would have been allowed under this act to the holders of such evidences of debt,* had such payment been made to them, *such holders shall be entitled to receive the difference between what was and the proportion they would have received under this act if no payment has been made thereon;* and where any original certificate, or other evidences of debt, have been surrendered to the authority of the State of Texas, *and new certificates issued therefor by said State of Texas,* such new certificates shall be received as evidence of the original amount of the claim.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no payment shall be made under this act to any holder of said securities, or evidences of debt, unless the said holder shall first execute to the United States a receipt for the said payment, in which said holder shall forever release all claim against the United States for or on account of the said securities, or evidences of debt, (and shall also endorse upon the said security, or evidence of debt, a credit for the amount so received by said holder, in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe,) and the said certificates, or other evidences of debt, shall then be deposited with the Treasury Department for the benefit of those whom it may concern, until otherwise directed by law.]

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That before payment of the moneys aforesaid, the Secretary of the Treasury shall give notice, by public advertisement, for the space of ninety days, of the time at which said payment will be made, and no payment shall be made on any bond, certificate, or evidence of debt, which shall not, thirty days before the time limited by said notice, be presented at the Treasury Department.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of six millions five hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not take effect until it shall be assented to by an act of the Legislature of Texas, and a copy of the act of said State duly authenticated, deposited in the Treasury Department at Washington, nor until the Legislature of the State of Texas shall pass an act withdrawing and abandoning all claims and demands against the United States, growing out of Indian depredations or otherwise prior to the admission of said State into the Union.

Passed the Senate July 31, 1854.

Attest: ASBURY DICKINS, Secretary.

NEW-YORK CITY.

To-Night.

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES, at the new Clinton Hall. Subject—"The Anatomical Swimmer."

Rev. DR. MILBURN at the Mulberry-street Methodist Church. Subject—"Rifle, Axe; Symbols of Western Life." A novel theme, and to be treated of by an eloquent orator.

The celebration of the Deposition of Pope PIUS IX., will take place at the Broadway Tabernacle. Speakers, FELIX PIGNEY, JOHN P. HALE, Senator CHASE, Rev. E. H. CHAPIN, and others.

COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Board of Aldermen.....THURSDAY, Feb. 8.

ISAAC O. BARNES, Esq., President, in the Chair.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

Of several parties for erection of New City Hall in Madison-square; of several parties for correction of taxes; of Simeon M. Andrews, for confirmation of Fifth-avenue and Croton Line stage route as originally granted; of L. G. Morris and others, to have the name of Anthony-street changed to North-street and Little Water-street, to Pease-place.

REPORTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL CONCURRED IN.

Of Committee on Finance, in favor of paying $65, amount charged for music at the funeral of Major Gibson, of American Rifles, Company C. Of same Committee, in favor of an appropriation of $500, for the Home of the Friendless. Of Committee on Assessments, in favor of the apportionment of assessment for opening Second-avenue. Of same Committee, in favor of confirming apportionment of assessment for regulating Eighth-avenue from Eighty-fourth to One Hundred and Eighth-streets. Of Committee on Wharves, &c., in favor of repairing Pier foot of Broome-street, East River. Of Committee on Assessments, in favor of apportionment of assessment for sewer in *One Hundred and Eighteenth-street,* from Second-avenue to Harlem River; for sewer in Duane-street; *for sewer in North Moore-street, between* Hudson-street and Hudson River; for sewer in Sixth-avenue, between Sixteenth and Eighteenth-streets.

REPORTS ADOPTED.

Of Committee on Finance, in favor of reducing tax of sundry parties. Of Committee on Streets, in favor of granting permission to erect big windows corner of Thirty-first-street and Fifth-avenue. Of Committee on Fire Department, in favor of reorganizing James Neary and others as a Hose Company in the Seventh Fire District.

MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS.

Resolution by Alderman FOX, that a Special Committee be appointed to take into consideration some measures to stop steamboats running on Long Island Sound below Peck-slip, East River. Lost.

Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Board of *Trustees on the Northern Dispensary. Ordered* on file.

Annual Report of the Broadway Savings Institution. Ordered on file.

CHIEF OF POLICE ON STOLEN PROPERTY.

In pursuance of a resolution of inquiry, the Chief of Police submitted to the Board a report of all the property received from January 1, 1851, to December 31, 1854. The report gave dates of reception of the articles, particulars how obtained, how and when disposed of.

Alderman STEERS moved to print 2,000 copies. Many supposed, and so stated, that the Chief of Police was getting enriched from property coming into his possession in his official capacity. The report submitted was a detailed statement of the disposition of such effects; and, to dissipate prevalent calumnies, it was only right his statement should be permitted general publicity.

Alderman ELY moved its reference to Committee on Police. The report was unsealed and might be couched in language derogatory to the Board.

Alderman HOWARD asked for a reading of the statistics annexed to the report. Many might learn the disposition made of their watches, coats, breastpins, and other missing articles.

Alderman BRIGGS said it was a document of statistical interest only, and it was unusual to refer such papers. He saw no necessity for it.

Alderman BROWN called for the reading.

The Clerk commenced to read the report.

Alderman STEERS moved to dispense with further reading, which was carried.

The question being taken to refer, was lost.

Alderman VOORHIS moved an amendment that 500 copies be printed.

The original motion of Aldermen STEERS prevailed.

STEAM FIRE-ENGINE.

Resolution concurring with the Board of Common Council to appropriate a sum not exceeding $300, to defray expense attending the exhibition of the power of the steam fire-engine, built by A. J. LATTA, of Cincinnati, for the Boston Fire Department. Adopted.

Resolution also of concurrence adopted, to appoint a Special Committee of three, in connection with the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, to superintend the exhibition of said fire-engine.

PORTRAIT OF GOV. SEYMOUR.

Resolution concurring with the Board of Common Council to appropriate $500 for a full-length portrait of Gov. Seymour, to be placed in the Governors' Room in the City Hall.

CROTON WATER.

Resolution by Alderman MOORE, that the report submitted Oct. 16 of the Croton Aqueduct Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Lawrence for privilege of elevating the Croton water to meet the wants of such citizens as require it, together with report of Board of Common Council, be taken from file and recommitted. Adopted.

The Board adjourned to Monday.

Board of Supervisors.

Mayor WOOD in the Chair. The Board met pursuant to adjournment, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

Of John J. Deane, the Register, &c., who wishes to have the Croton water pipes removed from the *office of the second story, and placed at the head of* the stairway.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

That the Register be authorized to have (8) eight new books made, and the following copies of index entered therein, viz., (Mortgages,) A, D, E, F, G, H, P, S. The same not to be taken from the office of the Register. Adjourned to Thursday.

American Geographical Society—Lecture by Lieut. Bartlett, U. S. N.

In consequence of the very unfavorable state of the weather last evening, the proposed illumination of Washington Parade ground by the Fresnel light apparatus was not carried into effect. The light was, however, placed in the south extremity of the long corridor, which runs through the entire extent of the University Building—the remaining part of which being left in obscurity, afforded every facility and means of judging of the brilliancy and various alternations of the light. It was inspected by several members of the Society, who expressed their admiration of its brilliancy.

Rev. Dr. HAWKS announced to a numerous and select audience, that Lieut. BARTLETT would deliver a lecture on "Lighthouses and their recent improvements." The lecturer came forward, and after a few preliminary remarks, said: That the apparatus exhibited was one of the FRESNEL flashing lights of the first order. The lecturer explained, by means of various diagrams, the different component parts of the FRESNEL light.

From the earliest period, he said, the navigator held it to be most essential and of the utmost importance, to have illuminated points by which the mariner might direct his course into port; and hence, in the present extended sphere of commerce, the necessity of sea-coast lights, which should be placed at such prominent points as would enable the navigator to enter his course from point to point, with the utmost certainty. These require the most flashing and luminous power—and may be termed primary—which are so designated, to distinguish them from the harbor or port lights. Most ancient lights, and indeed until within a recent period were formed from coal furnaces; and piles of wood, and were used for the purpose of coast lights.

It is to Chevalier DE HAUDEN, (a Frenchman,) we owe the first discovery of the reflective system. Reflection by parabolic mirrors having been found to be insufficient, FRESNEL hit upon the plan of refraction. The very first experiment made by ARAGO when ascertaining the arch of meridian between France and Spain, of the FRESNEL light—then quite imperfect in its mechanism, cast the light a distance of 50 miles, discernable by the naked eye. From the superior construction and finish of the FRESNEL light, it is at present equivalent to the 6,000 CANDLE lamps heretofore used, and is comprised of three distinct flashes blended in one.

The lecturer made a digression to say that many experiments claimed by England were, in reality, the result of the study of FRESNEL—and this fact he was requested while on his recent visit to France to impress on the mind of the American people. The lectures then entered into a minute detail relative of the combination of lens by which the flashing and powerful light is produced, and concluded by strongly urging the present improved FRESNEL light as a substitute for those now in use—as was evident from the lights in use in the Moro Castle and Cape Hatteras.

The lecture, though of a very abstruse character, owing to the technical and scientific nature of the terms used in the course of it, was listened to with great interest.

Letter from Peter Cooper.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1855.

To the Honorable the Board of Councilmen.

GENTLEMEN: I enclose a communication from PETER COOPER, Esq., which contains suggestions worthy of consideration.

The high character of that gentleman, together with his eminently practical mind and philanthropic heart, entitles any views he may express upon public matters to much respect and force.

Very respectfully, FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

To the Honorable the Mayor and Common Council of the City of New-York:

Your subscriber, in view of the general derangement of the business and monetary affairs of the City and County in general, and of the wide-spread misery and wretchedness growing out of the sudden and unprecedented contraction in all the various manufacturing and mercantile operations, begs leave to make the following communication:

The present and prospective suffering resulting from the entire inability of thousands to find employment at the various callings on which they have depended for support, claims from every benevolent mind an effort to ascertain the cause of their suffering, and the proper remedy to be applied.

The most prominent cause of the present derangement of trade, and the general want of employment, is the natural and inevitable result of our ever expanding and *contracting measure of value.*

Our sad experience, I trust, will finally teach us, as a nation, that the declaration of WASHINGTON was true when he said that in "exact proportion as you pour paper money into the volume of circulating medium, just in that proportion will everything in a country rise," thus tempting the world to come here and sell us everything, and at the same time making everything with us too dear to sell in return. He said that such a course will not benefit the farmer or the mechanic—it will only benefit the debtor, as it enables him to pay his debt with a shadow instead of a substance.

Various efforts have been made by our general Government to remedy these evils by the enactment and repeated alterations of tariff, all of which have been rendered ineffectual by the constant expansion and contraction of a paper currency, with which we have been measuring and vainly attempting to regulate the value of all property and labor.

SWEDENBORG never declared a more important truth *than the one he communicated to the Diet of Sweden,* when he said, that a nation that could legislate a permanent value into a paper currency, would be a nation without a parallel in the world, and he advised his Government to return to a specie currency as the only remedy that could save their nation from ruin.

It will always be found that a measure of value calculated to secure the reward of labor to the hand that earns it, must have in it an inherent and certain value, the evidence of labor actually done. Every other device as a measure of value, has always given opportunity to the artful and designing to take advantage of the weak and the unsuspecting, and has tended to fertilize the rich man's field by the sweat of the poor man's brow.

If we desire to lessen the amount of poverty and crime, we must remove the causes that produce them. It will be necessary, in order to render it possible for the unfortunate and industrious Poor to raise themselves by useful labor to competence, comfort and independence, to secure them an opportunity to labor, and all the facilities for applying their work to the best possible advantage. This will require that they be provided with shelter and board of the cheapest possible kind that is conducive to health.

Your subscriber being impressed with the difficulty of prescribing a remedy for a disease so deeply seated in the body politic, will venture to recommend a course that will furnish immediate and continued employment to thousands, in a work that will save millions to the future inhabitants of our City.

The work that he proposes may be carried on upon or near our island by the purchase of the marble quarries near King's Bridge, where I believe the marble was obtained for our present City Hall. This marble, or some others in the vicinity, I propose, shall be got out and cut roughly into square blocks, to form the bulkheads of our wharves and piers. This work will furnish a great amount and variety of useful labor, that will continue and grow with the future growth of our City.

It should be remembered that worms eat up our present modern wharves about every ten years, and that up to this time when the docks have fallen in, we have been able to extend new piers into the river, making new bulkheads and to fill up the slip. This course cannot be continued beyond the wants of time. The time must soon come when the City will incur an enormous expense to clear the foundations for the renewal of the wharves and piers. This expense may be averted, and permanent and substantial stone wharves secured at a cost not greatly exceeding the wooden wharves now being built.

To do this, and at the same time effect other objects of great importance to the welfare of our City, your subscriber recommends that the Corporation should provide suitable quarries in the neighborhood of our City, where stone can be most easily got out to form the outer lines of the wharves and piers of our City.

By using marble blocks for the mission of wharves and piers, all the rough stone and pieces that come out in quarrying may be used in the following manner: A part of these pieces may be turned into lime, while the balance, with all the fine chips, may be put into frames of a size to match with the solid stone blocks, prepared to form the outer line or face of the wharves and piers. The blocks made by putting rough stone and small pieces into a box, as before described, and cementing the whole together by means of the lime and sand poured upon them, will be as valuable for all but the outer facing of the wharves or piers, as though they had been formed out of solid stone.

All the blocks required below the water line where vessels would strike them may be formed cheaply out of very rough stone and small pieces cemented together with lime left in them ready to bolt or anchor the whole together in their proper places.

A canal has been made directly into the marble quarry on the outer end of this island. By means of this canal the stone when prepared can be taken in the cheapest manner to their places in the wharves. I would most respectfully propose to secure this field of labor to a class of our fellow-citizens who are the most in need of our sympathy and encouragement. *I would recommend to offer it on terms that* would enable the poorest man in the community who is able to work, to earn his bread and something more by honest labor. To do this I would recommend that stone be quarried and cut by the cubic foot, the small ones to be put into boxes and cemented together by the foot, and that the lime be burned by the bushel, in order that each department of the work may be done to the best advantage; so that the poorest man who is willing to work may find a place where it is possible for him to earn something more than a bare subsistence. A place of this kind should be provided with suitable buildings, in which he could live on the cheapest fare conducive to health. I would, in this place, furnish all the convenience to facilitate their work.

I would recommend that an accurate account be kept with each person, and that they be allowed for their labor an amount equal to at least two-thirds of what the same work would cost in open market, and after their board and cost of living had been deducted, the balance should be placed to their credit, subject to be drawn out at any time when they desired to send it for the support of their families, or to go to distant friends, or could find better employment.

To improve the condition of the poor by enabling them in some way to minister to their own wants, is a duty we owe them, as desirable as it is difficult to accomplish.

The causes that have produced the poverty and misery we deplore, are so numerous and have become so familiar, that we fail to realize the danger and the enormity of their effects.

It is extremely difficult for us to approach this subject with a full sense of its importance, and the responsibility that we are under to provide for others as we would that others in similar circumstances should provide for us.

It is extremely difficult for us to realize the almost omnipotent power that the circumstances of birth, education, and country have exerted in the formation of the characters and various conditions of mankind.

If the causes that have brought so many thousands to the verge of starvation were allowed to continue, it needs but little penetration to see how soon the time must come when our children, by the uncertainties of trade, may be involved in the same disastrous calamities.

In a country where the land is ready to yield everything necessary to supply the wants of man, there is no good reason why regular street begging, bad as it is, should be tolerated or allowed.

This evil of regular street-begging, bad as it is, cannot be prevented until a place is provided where those who are destitute can be directed to find shelter and employment, where by hard work and cheap living they may raise themselves to a position of honor and usefulness in the community. All of which is most respectfully submitted. PETER COOPER.

Mayor's Black-Book.

Only the following complaints were entered on the Mayor's Black-Book yesterday, owing, no doubt, to the inclemency of the weather:

James M. Hodges, of No. 314 Rivington-street, complains that the pile-walk in Rivington-street, between Willett and Sheriff-streets, is constantly covered with water and ice, and that the occupants of houses along the street throw dirt and garbage of every description in the street, rendering the same extremely dirty and unhealthy.

A. F. Hughes, of No. 208 Wooster-street, complains that the tenants of house No. 206 Wooster-street, are in the habit of throwing rubbish upon the property of No. 208 Wooster-street, by throwing dirty water in the sink, causing it to fill up and smell very bad, endangering the lives and health of persons in that vicinity.

Henry Adams, of No. 113 West Twenty-eighth-street, complains of Owen Colligan, a cooper in Washington-street, between Hammersley and King, for having his work done on the sidewalk in front of his shop, greatly to the injury and annoyance of pedestrians. Complaint was had to a various occasions on Thursday morning by a large crowd, in course of construction, in front of said premises, which obliged persons to promenade in strange and unusual manner.

Wm. H. Gray, No. 110 Elm-street, complains that the occupants of "Gardner's Hotel," City Hotel, commenced on Wednesday, the 7th inst., and finished on the 8th, at $15. A gentleman who happened to be passing, and noticed the transaction, was discovered with a severe threshing if he interfered or remonstrated.

G. Waldron complains that he was defrauded out of $3 by Dyer & Kaufman, keepers of an intelligence office, in basement of No. 629 Broadway.

Francis Strumberg, from the State of Maine, now of No. 237 Front-street, complains that he was defrauded of $65, at Leiter's stock auction shop, No. 102 Broadway.

[Officer Seymour was particularly dispatched to the stock auction shop above alluded to, and succeeded in recovering from the auctioneer the sum which Strumberg had paid for the watch.]

Hogs at the Erie Railroad Depot.

The annexed letters explain themselves:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 6, 1855.

H. Kemedell, Esq., President Erie Railroad Company:

DEAR SIR: I beg to call your attention to the very serious evil of landing hogs and other animals at the pier of your Road, foot of Duane-street, so as to be driven through our streets upon the Sabbath day. The offence render this day, (many to other objects,) is aggravated if there being fewer vehicles in the street by which to injure or obstruct the passage of the animals through the City to the slaughter-houses.

The immediate abatement of this nuisance is demanded of my sound and humane, as well as sanitary grounds, and I have your Company will take measures to stop it altogether. Your Company is now using the pier foot of Thirty-ninth-street, which could be also used for this purpose, and which, in my opinion, is the lowest portion of the City that cattle of any kind should be permitted to land at any time. I respectfully ask your co-operation with me in abolishing this very serious evil.

Very respectfully, FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

OFFICE OF THE N. Y. AND ERIE RAILROAD CO., NEW-YORK, Feb. 7, 1855.

Hon. F. Wood, Mayor, &c.: Your letter of the 6th inst., calling my attention to the subject of the droving hogs at Duane-street, is received. The greatest inconvenience is experienced by ourselves, and early measures will be taken to remedy it.

You are misinformed concerning the use of Thirty-ninth-street Pier by this Company. If however, we can obtain entire exclusive possession of the pier, Duane-street, we shall be glad to avail ourselves of them.

Very respectfully, yours, &c., HOSEA RAMSDELL.

COURT CALENDAR—FRIDAY.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—Nos. 11, 32, 33, 35, 37, 38, 39 to 41.

SUPREME COURT—*General Term.*—Nos. 32, 34, 36, 37, 39, 38, 40, 41, 15, 42 to 46.

SUPREME COURT—*Special Term.*—Nos. 2122, 2321, 2149, 2169, 3127, 3128, 1194, 1746, 2226, 3130, 2416, 2166, 2344, 686, 1557, 1556, 1020, 597, 1, 1268, 848, 981, 1042, 1432, 1633, 1634.

SUPERIOR COURT.—Nos. 12, 206, 208, 612, 527, 627, 628, 631, 634 to 638, 319, 424, 643 to 650, 652, 644 to 648.

COMMON PLEAS—*Part I.*—Nos. 219, 243 to 244, 246 to 252, 254 to 257. *Part II.*—Nos. 114, 239 to 242, 247, 248, 241, 258 to 265.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—FEB. 8, 1855.

Before Judge Nelson.

The United States vs. *James Monroe* et al.—In this case, in which an inquest was taken in December last, and a verdict of $5,000 rendered against Mr. Monroe upon an official bond executed by him and sureties, his two sureties on the bond, an application was made this morning by Mr. Blunt on behalf of Mr. Gouverneur, one of the sureties, to open the case and allow him to come in and defend on an affidavit that he had never heard of the suit, and had never authorized any one to appear for him; that no credit had been given to Mr. Monroe for $1,800 paid by him to Mr. Price, then U. S. District

New-York Daily Times.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEB. 8, 1856.

To Correspondents.

Communications addressed to Editors, and marked as confidential, will be opened only by the Editor to whom they are addressed; all other letters, even those for publication, but more particularly those of the character of paragraphs, should be addressed to the Publishers.

We cannot undertake to return unacceptable manuscript, even when accompanied by postage; and communications containing important news from any quarter of the world, is solicited. If used, it will be liberally paid for.

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The Steamer from Europe.

The *Atlantic*, from Liverpool Jan. 27, arrived off Sandy Hook last evening, in the snow storm, and anchored for the night. Our newsboat was unable to communicate with her, the wind and tide being against the attempt.

From Washington.

The House proceedings yesterday were unimportant. In the Senate, Mr. JONES of Tennessee and Mr. BRODHEAD of Pennsylvania joined issue upon the Railroad Iron duties. The bill was laid over until Monday next.

Our Special Correspondent telegraphs that the French Spoliation bill will probably be vetoed. The President has withdrawn the nomination of MILLER of New-York, said to be Anti-Nebraska in sentiment, for the Secretaryship to Peru. A large number of Executive appointments were acted upon in the Senate.

Maine Laws.

An effort was made in the Assembly yesterday, it will be noticed, to bring the discussion on the Prohibitory bill to a close on Wednesday week, 21st instant. The House manifested an indisposition to second the previous question on this order, but it was every way plain that a majority will be had for the bill whenever it is brought to a test vote. How the case may stand in the Senate is not yet so apparent.

The telegraph from the West announces that the first conviction under the Maine Law of Ohio, for its violation in the city of Cincinnati, was made yesterday, and that the Senate of Indiana has passed a similar bill by a decided majority, with the prospect that it will be concurred in by the other branch of the Legislature.

The News by the North Star.

The *North Star* came up yesterday, in spite of one of the toughest storms that we have experienced hereabouts for years. Her news is not startling or very important, yet it is of an interesting nature.

The cars, on the 28th ult., passed over the road that connects the Atlantic and the Pacific, at the Isthmus, thus marking the year 1855 as the beginning of a new era in the history of the American Continent.

The Purser furnishes an item that will set statisticians to studying the money-value of Beauty. He says:

"A part of SANTA ANNA's army, 2,000 in number, had deserted and gone over to Gen. ALVAREZ. A portion of them, with some of their officers, reached Acapulco 22d January. The remainder were daily expected."

His Excellency must have more money. Every man that deserted is an additional reason for raising money by hook, or by crook, or—by selling Sonora. Let us calculate the value, however, before bidding, lest England or France interfere to protest, and then we be obliged to take it, even though against our will.

Storms have been sweeping over California, but instead of devastating the land, they comfort the miners—and as the luck of the miners is the fortune of the State, there is a cheerful tone to the press this week.

Great excitement has stirred the people of Los Angeles. Three men—BROWN, LEE and ALVITRE—committed murder a while ago. The incensed populace were with great difficulty restrained from hanging BROWN at the time. But better counsels prevailed. The Mayor was especially active in preventing the outrage. The Courts took charge of the affair, and now it comes out that Judge HAYS, of the Supreme Court, has granted a stay of proceedings in the cases of BROWN and LEE, though ALVITRE was left to hang. The Sheriff bravely tried to do his duty. But the people would not consent to the hanging of ALVITRE unless BROWN should swing too. The Mayor resigned his office, and then put himself at the head of the rash, who armed themselves to carry out the popular will. The Sheriff hung ALVITRE, and the people were rushing in, breaking down the jail-doors, and clamorous for BROWN's blood, when the messenger left, and we know not whether the people of Los Angeles were or were not enabled to do themselves the great disgrace that they purposed.

A letter from two sea captains cries up the advantages of the port of Manzanilla as a rendezvous for whalers. What these advantages are, and how to find the spot, are sufficiently explained in our extracts. The papers rejoice, moreover, in a privilege lately granted to the steamers of the Nicaragua and Independence Steam Company to touch at this port going to and from San Francisco and Panama. It lies on the Western Coast of Mexico, in the same latitude as Vera Cruz.

The Cocos Island and its long buried treasure are again exciting the wonder and incredulity of the San Franciscans. The story is, that "in 1816, a Spanish galleon sailed from Acapulco with $15,000,000 treasure belonging to Spain and the Vice-Royalty of Mexico. It was shipped for Spain to protect it from the insurgents of Mexico. Off the Cocos Island the galleon was capsized by pirates, and the treasure buried on the island. Papers, giving the details of the spot and circumstances of the burial, are supposed to have been preserved."

But where and by whom? A company chartered a schooner and sailed some months since for the spot, hopefully yet not very sanguinely. The story which induced that company to leave has already proved a humbug; but, almost by miracle, the genuine Simon Pure who *had the papers* turns up. When very sick he made them over to his good physician—one of the expeditionists—who now is girding himself with fresh vigor for the search. No doubt he will succeed as well as the scores on this side the Continent, who have dared all things and ventured much in their search for Captain KIDD's money.

From Oregon our Correspondent writes us a full and readable account of affairs. Happily for the Oregonians, he has no special news to communicate, for nothing new of these new countries is always a sign of quiet, peace and prosperity.

Let us close our mouths about Sandwich Island Annexation. LIHOLIHO reigns instead of KAMEHAMEHA, for whom the Court has gone into three months' crape wearing. *He* cares nothing for an alliance with us, and so our "country is saved" again. This question settled, the Gallipagos purchase proved a sham, and Cuba given up, tremulous Conservatives can afford to lay aside their glasses, and give their "eternal vigilance" a brief nap. No more frolicsome Annexation Expeditions off our own Continent need be anticipated, at least until either LIHOLIHO or FRANKLIN PIERCE retires from ruling.

From Australia we have files to Nov. 23. There is not much of novelty in that baby brother of the Old Continents, but from the ample columns of the Sydney *Empire* and Melbourne *Argus* we make sundry excerpts that mirror the state of affairs and the subjects of most pressing interest to the Colonists.

Croton Leaks and the Plumbers.

It was a great day for the plumbers yesterday. Croton pipes were bursting between the floors, and whole acres of handsome ceilings and frescoed walls were stained and discolored in consequence. Steam heating-pipes were bursting—water all night dripping through into office and hall and parlor, and with the turning of the registers in the morning, terrific finings and sudden rushings forth from rooms thick with escaping steam. Innocent housekeepers in the morning turned faucets, but water wouldn't run. They tried the hot water faucets, but the hot water was frozen. Babies cried in vain for water to wash open their eyes—but they were crying all unwittingly for—ice. Many a family took no coffee for breakfast—some tried snow-water in their kettles.

Citizens understand these things; they know that there is another Croton tax than that levied by the Aqueduct Department, which can only be compounded for by abundant care and some added experience.

The rural districts should know our trials as well. Be it remembered, then, that the pipes for the conveyance of the Croton underlie the City like a great net-work;—if all that there is of pavement and rock and earth were dissected away, that still there would be a very respectable skeleton of sewers, gas and water-pipes, by which the geographer might re-map the City, or the architect re-build it. The main pipes—those which thread the several streets—are of stout heavy iron, and beyond the reach of any common accident. But the lesser ones which, tapping these, supply our houses, are of only an inch calibre, and oftener still less. These should be lain below the reach of frost, and most of them are, but not all. If not sufficiently deep, these cold snaps freeze the water in them, and then of course these are vain, and your house of "modern improvements" is no better provided with water than the squatters' hut on yonder vacant lot. If, in such case, one concludes "to *wait*," he endangers the whole street. When the thaw comes, the pipe must break, and the water goes leaking through the gravel, insinuating itself through the cracks of cellars and flooding them, creeping slyly into basements and deluging them, or happily seeking the surface, gushes up between the cobble stones and at once commands the attention of the police. But a wise householder does not wait this issue, but sends for the plumber at once.

Now the plumber can seldom come the day he is sent for, since these accidents all occur about the same time. But grant good luck to the seeker. Then the plumber sends a couple of men with picks and bars and spades to "dig the street." They peck at the frozen earth for many a tedious hour before they reach the main pipe in the centre of the street, and turn off the supply, and then they must open a ditch from the pipe to the house. With shavings kindled about the pipe, and after a long time burning, it is thawed out, the ditch re-filled, a handsome bill, but one well earned, paid to the workmen, and all is right until the next cold snap.

It is a shame that such accidents should ever happen, for they are unnecessary. But most houses are built by contract, and owners pay very little attention to these minor matters; irresponsible men are allowed to lay the pipes, and, as it costs less trouble to do it carelessly than well, it is no wonder that so much of this annoyance prevails.

But oftener it is only a lack of acquaintance with the danger that inflicts the mischief. In renting a house for a new year the lessee should always look into the cellar, and note whether there is at the lowest point of the pipe there a faucet. If there is, on every very cold night in the Winter, by turning it to let the water in the pipe run off, there will be none in the pipes to freeze, and of course no harm can be done. Very frequently this simple contrivance has been omitted, and then more care is required. The covers of the coal holes and gratings that light the cellar should be battened down, if not too inconvenient, through all the cold weather. The inner cellar doors should be closed and the cellar made as warm as possible. Then each faucet should be so far turned that during the night or the day, if very cold, a small stream can flow. With these cautions, plumbers would think that hard times had come indeed, and this portion of their occupation would be gone. They are a very worthy class of citizens, and they earn the money they get, but he is under the infliction of a woe who needs their services on such days as have besieged our City lately. Keep hot fires in your furnaces and ranges for the present, citizens. Heaven help you and the firemen if your flues be defective or the wood charred around your registers. It is tough weather for all, but for the poor whose coal is exhausted and their tenements leaky it is terrible.

Illinois Senator.

Hon. LYMAN TRUMBULL, anti-Nebraska Democrat, has been made Senator from Illinois, to succeed General JAMES SHIELDS. It was found that General S. could not be reelected, and the friends of the Administration put in nomination the present Governor of the State, Mr. MATTESON. The result was the unexpected success of Mr. TRUMBULL, who was but recently elected by the people to the Lower House of Congress from the district opposite St. Louis. The rebuke to Mr. DOUGLAS on the Nebraska issue is alike pointed and severe.

Crooked Ways.

EVEN, (Me.,) Friday, Jan. 25, 1856.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Having noticed your article respecting "JONES' Gift Enterprise," I made a small investment therein, and drew a small prize. I immediately forwarded the *printed order and a dollar for another drawn ticket*; and, although several weeks have elapsed, and I have written repeatedly, I have not received a word from the Committee.

All may be right, but it seems strange they do not send. Will you do me the favor to inform me if all this is correct, or is the affair a humbug?

If you have a spare number of your last TIMES, will you send me one as a specimen number, and oblige T.

"Noticed our article!" We have had no article that ever would tempt any man to the sin and folly of buying a share in anybody's "Gift Enterprise." Over and again we have warned the public to avoid them as all humbugs, and illegal ones at that. We should be at a loss to know what T. is driving at but for the last paragraph of his note. That explains it;—he is not a reader of the TIMES, and the "article" alluded to must have been seen at second-hand—if it had ever been written.

But from the other extreme of the Union we fish out another note. It reads as follows:

GAINESVILLE, Ala., Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

I would be greatly obliged to you if you would give me some information of "Lyon's Gift Enterprise." I see from his prospectus that *you recommend and compliment him highly*. I am a small shareholder in his Enterprise, and have written him twice within the last three months, but he has not deigned to answer me. It is a small matter, but I would like to know whether I am swindled or not. You will confer a favor by giving me all the information you can. Respectfully, M.

And M. appends the following as the compliment attributed to us:

LYON'S GIFT ENTERPRISE.—We have heard of the Perham Gift Enterprise, we have heard of many others, too, that have taken place, but we must say, in all confidence, that "Lyon's" is the lion of the day, so far as superior attractions are concerned, and as far as a magnificent liberality is considered. All who are connected with it are not only responsible gentlemen, but are in every respect what men should be—fair, upright and honorable.—Times.

Messrs. T. & M. you are doubtless swindled. It would have been cheaper to have taken the DAILY TIMES, and prevented it. To your queries we can only answer that we know no more of either of them than that they present a very objectionable form of the "lottery," which is forbidden by our laws, and which shaves ninety-nine out of every hundred of the simpletons that patronize them. And if either has used our name as recommending it to public confidence, it has used a false pretence—for which may its author be forgiven at last.

Perhaps some do not know how to account for such "recommendations," when they see them accredited to respectable papers. It may be in several ways.

The words of an editorial may be wrested from their plain signification, and by skillfully lopping a sentence at either end, the object that was condemned in the article may seem to one who reads the sentence out of its connections, to be approved. Dishonorable publishers of poor books have been known to do this.

Or, the language of a puffing advertisement may be quoted as the language of the paper. Gross violators of the proprieties of life have been known to do such things.

Or, the name of the paper may be given in part only; the reader being left to suit himself in crediting the extract to any one of the many papers that bear its generic name. Thus the "*Times*," as above, it might be pleaded, meant not the NEW-YORK DAILY TIMES, but the *Sunday Times*, or the Boston *Times*, or the *Spirit of the Times*, or the monthly *Times*, of the Orientvale Ladies' Seminary. Unscrupulous parties are frequently caught at this. Many other tricks are resorted to to get endorsements of projects which their face never could recommend. Of course, when a party is caught at any one of them, he is treated as one who gets money under false pretences. But so long as the world is full of rogues, we do not expect to be entirely rid of the annoyance. Every good man's note is liable to be counterfeited, and every great man to be aped. Meanwhile, When a person that *can* read is about to do a foolish thing, it would be well for him never to quote a decent paper as his authority until he has seen it in the paper's own columns.

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THE WEATHER.

CONTINUANCE OF THE STORM.

EARTHQUAKES AT THE EAST.

The temperature was higher yesterday, but the snow continued to fall lazily all day and during the evening. The sleighing is good, and the streets, for the third time this Winter, are vocal with the sports of those who contrive to secure iron runners and fast horses.

The Rivers are comparatively free from ice. On the Staten Island shore, however, the drifting cakes have jammed, so as to interfere with the trips of the boats.

The storm has interfered considerably with the trains on the railroads. The night train from Philadelphia, due at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, arrived at about 10 o'clock A. M. The succeeding trains arrived from half an hour to an hour after they were due. The road was quite clear, and all of the trains except the Railway trains, departed on time. The trains on the New-York and Erie Railroad were all united in the mail train due last evening, which will probably arrive at 2 or 3 o'clock this morning. The trains left regularly last evening. The snow on these roads is about fifteen inches on the level on the average, but is badly drifted.

The Railroads in Brooklyn are all blocked up with snow, and in place of cars, large four-horse sleighs are used, to the evident satisfaction of a majority of the citizens. Sufficient snow has fallen to make good sleighing on all parts of the Island, but the wind has apportioned it unequally, leaving some parts of the roads in the country entirely free from snow, so that the sleighing in the country cannot be called perfect.

Weather Reports.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8.—All the mails are behind their time in consequence of the storm. Hail began falling this morning. The thermometer is 20° above zero. The sleighing is fine.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8—10 P. M.—It is now snowing here. The thermometer stands at 25° above zero.

POTTSVILLE, Feb. 8.—The snow here is 14 inches deep. The weather is moderating.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8—10 P. M.—It has stopped snowing here. The weather continues cold and cloudy. The snow is 2½ inches deep. The thermometer is 25° above zero.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8—10 P. M.—The weather here is still cloudy. The thermometer indicates about 25° above zero.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8—1 P. M.—It commenced hailing here last night, continuing till now, with slight intermission.

MILWAUKIE, Feb. 7.—At noon to-day the thermometer stood at 30° above zero. At 8 P. M. 25° above. There is no wind. Weather cloudy and moderating.

BOSTON, Feb. 8—A. M.—Snow to the depth of nearly a foot fell here last night. Very little wind, and capital sleighing.

BOSTON, Feb. 8—10 P. M.—It is now snowing heavily here. A strong easterly gale is prevailing.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 8.—The snow storm which began here yesterday afternoon, continued all night, but the weather was too cold for a heavy fall, and there is barely enough on the ground for sleighing.

DOVER, N. H., Feb. 8.—Heavy snow storm and blowing a gale.

EASTPORT, Me., Feb. 8.—Weather moderate. Indications of rain. A shock of earthquake was sensibly felt here.

BANGOR, Feb. 8.—Snowing, with a strong gale.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—Snowing and blowing hard.

CALAIS, Me., Feb. 8.—Weather mild and cloudy. A shock of earthquake was felt this morning.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Feb. 8.—Weather moderating. A severe shock of earthquake was felt this morning.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 8.—Weather fine and cold. We have had a shock of earthquake here by which the houses were severely shaken and windows broken.

HALIFAX, Feb. 8.—Thermometer 10° above zero. A shock of earthquake was distinctly felt here this morning at 6:40 o'clock.

Musical.

The new management of OLE BULL and his associates of the Academy of Music, are progressing with their preparations for VERDI's "Rigoletto," and ROSSINI's "William Tell," both novelties to New-York audiences of the present time. The opening night, with "Rigoletto" as the card, is positively announced for Monday, 19th instant. Meanwhile we have by telegraph from Boston the following card from Manager HACKETT, which proposes to fill up the interregnum at the Metropolitan Theatre, Broadway:

CARD.—Mr. HACKETT has the honor to announce that the three farewell performances of Madame GRIZI and Signor MARIO in America will be given in Lafarge's Metropolitan Theatre, Broadway, commencing on Tuesday evening, the 12th instant, when will be performed the opera of "I Puritani." The second performance will take place on Wednesday, the 14th.

NEW-YORK CITY.

THE WORLD'S INDEBTEDNESS TO THE CHURCH.

Lecture by Dr. Manahan.

The sixth and last of the series of lectures on the subject of the "World's Indebtedness to the Church," was delivered last evening, by Dr. MANAHAN, at the Mercantile Library Lecture-room, before a numerous and select audience.

The most precious and beautiful features of the present social system,—the general dominancy of right views and right conduct,—the lecturer stated it had been the aim of his series of lectures to show, as resulting from Christianity, and hence for the benignant and gracious fruits thus derived, proving the world's indebtedness to the Church. This result was not the work, he said, of Christian sects, but the product of un-failing efforts of the Catholic Church.

The reason why this indebtedness was not properly felt and acknowledged as it should be, was next dwelt upon. Men, he said, fail to see the hand that works for their good. What should be attributed to a higher power was credited to their own skill and foresight. Life itself is spent in the very sunshine of God's gifts—everything in the physical world is adapted to man's necessities—and with a degree of intricate and harmonious adaptation that astounds the wisdom of us all—yet few acknowledge or hardly feel their indebtedness for such supervisionary care and providence. It was the same with regard to the Church. The common providence in the one case, and the extraordinary providence over the other, are both dispensations of the same God.

But men cannot fathom it, and are thus incredulous. They understand not why in this world's economy should have been introduced pain and sorrow, and sickness and death—so unintelligible to them is it that in the Church have been permitted to creep heresies, schisms, infidelities and immoralities.

These permitted heresies and seeming anomalies in the Church cause them to think God is not with her; that he does not rule. They see not that by these very means are being wrought out her highest ultimate interests. On the contrary, it is the brightest evidence of this overruling Providence, when we remember that these very things were prophised of her. Such prophesies are lost sight of in the sadness of the event. The Church, with the mighty difficulties it has had to encounter—the frailty of weak human natures, ambitious, collusions, and manifold dissentions, inquietudes and wrongs, has accomplished all that in a calm view could be hoped. A few believing in the perfectibility of human nature may think otherwise—such are only unbelievers—like the incredulous apostle, they must see the perforation of the hands and feet and the spear mark on the side.

The means best calculated to promote the growth of the Christian Church was referred to. The doctrine of MONTESQUIEU, FOURIER, and all philosophers of the Utilitarian Church, sought, it was stated, to magnify individual happiness. Their systems, looking further than most systems, failed in making the means of happiness stop in this world. They should look higher. Christianity should be incorporated in their systems. The importance of this once seen and felt, the next step was to induce a conforming practice. And in becoming thus practical, was developed the best mode of advancing the Church.

Allusion was made to ancient and modern authorities, showing conclusively, the lecturer alleged, the entire democratic tendencies of the Catholic Church. Catholic influence in this country sought, he said, only to perpetuate the fundamental political principles of the leading parties. Freedom of action and thought the Catholic Church approved. She had always been jealous of this prerogative in the middle ages—as far as circumstances permitted, her history shows acknowledgment of democratic principles. History, too, he said, would have yet to write that while the American Government stood the Catholic Church was her staunchest friend—her firmest support and advocate. In that history would be fully shown, not her own indebtedness alone, but the world's indebtedness to the Church—the Church as he had aimed to present her—the Apostolic Church of Rome—august, grand, beneficent, all-pervading—doing justice to the spouse of Christ.

The lecturer concluded, expressing thanks for the good attendance during his lectures, hoping his efforts to instruct and induce to serious thought would not prove wholly ineffectual. As he sat down he was loudly and warmly applauded.

Home Industrial School.

The Committee of the Home Industrial School, Thirty-fourth-street, Nos. 4 and 5, under charge of the Home for the Friendless, held their first annual meeting at the Home, in Thirtieth-street, on Monday.

There was a full attendance of ladies.

Mrs. HAWKINS presided.

The annual report, with other reports, were full of interesting facts, which attest the good results of this effort. More than 300 have received the benefits of this school. The average attendance is over 100.

The system of instruction is similar to that of most schools of this description. A dinner is provided. The morning is devoted to mental instruction; the afternoon to sewing.

The teacher is assisted by ladies who volunteer their services.

The children have made for themselves over 500 garments; nearly 1,000 garments have been given out to them.

The reports show that many of these are the children of intemperate parents.

The visitor says that a little girl of six years, bearing the marks of sorrow in every feature, informed her that her parents often gave her rum to drink, which on investigation was found to be true.

A home in the country was found for another who had long been doomed to beggary, cold, hunger and nakedness, because belonging to the drunkard's household.

Another was taken from a group of little girls, whom the visitor describes to be a living, moving mass of filth.

A little girl of six years brought into the School nearly a year ago, has wrought an entire reformation in her intemperate parents, who have, through her habits of industry, and the little temperance songs acquired at this School, been led to sign the pledge. The father has since found employment.

The report of the Visiting Committee was long and full of interest, showing many instances of children having been rescued from their vicious parents, and placed under the guardianship of the Home for the Friendless. A bright little orphan boy was present, who, with his sisters, was taken from a den of vice and infamy; the sisters have been sent to good homes.

Seven others have been committed to the "Home," and eight have been sent to places in the country.

The expenses for furniture, rent, teacher's and matron's salary, provisions, &c., amount to over $1,200, while the receipts in behalf of the school have been but a little over $100.

The "Home" needs all its funds for its more regular and permanent objects, and although other schools seem to be more in favor with the givers, this is not the less persevering. It occupies a central position in the suburbs, (Thirty-fourth-street, near the Sixth-avenue,) and if the charitable will visit it, their hearts cannot fail to be melted and their hands opened.

Hahnemann Academy of Medicine.

The regular monthly meeting of the Hahnemann Academy of Medicine was held at their rooms, No. 105 Fourth-avenue, on Wednesday evening. Several interesting pathological specimens were exhibited.

Dr. J. B. MORTON reported a case of death from strangulation of the intestines, and exhibited a band, fibrous in its structure, proceeding from the free border of the small intestine and attached to the mesentery, forming a loop, through which was found passing a large portion of the small intestines in a state of complete strangulation.

Dr. S. B. BARLOW also reported a case which terminated fatally after an illness of two days, where the appendix vermiformis was found fastened by false membrane to a portion of small intestine, forming a loop, through which a mass of small intestines, some three feet in length, had passed and became strangulated; this patient had been subject to attacks of colic, occurring as frequently as once in ten days for some years previous to her death.

Dr. J. C. PETERS exhibited the heart and pericardium in the early stage of pericarditis with accompanying portions of lung and pleura in a state of inflammation.

Dr. A. S. BALL read the history of a case of decided marasmus, which was cured by Sulph. Ars. and colchicum. Also, a case of tertiary syphilis occurring twenty-one years subsequent to the primary disease, where caries of the palate bone took place, and where the disease was arrested by Aurum and Silex, after the failure of Hyd. Potass. to effect a cure.

Dr. E. G. BARTLETT read the history of a case of Hydro-thorax of two months' standing occurring in an adult and following Scarlatina, which was cured by him within a week with two drop doses of the Tinct. Digatalis, three times per day.

A case of Barber's Itch (Mentagra) of three years' standing was read by Dr. FERLIEN, in which Tart. Ant. in minute doses cured the disease within three weeks.

Interesting papers on Medical topics were also read by Drs. CURTIS, FULLGRAFF and MORTON.

The Patent Gun Case.

The case of Mrs. PATTERSON, of Jersey City, against RICHARD T. HAUGHEY, for an alleged fraudulent attempt to deprive her of the possession, right, and advantages of an invention which she inherited from her father, was yesterday postponed by the Recorder till Saturday, 10th inst. The other party implicated, WM. E. VALENTINE, was recommitted to the Tombs in default of the requisite bail fixed by the Recorder. The defendant is quite opposed to the publication of the proceedings in this case, fearing that a partial and one-sided statement would be inserted in the columns of the New-York journals generally.

The Mayor and the Liquor-Dealers.

The Mayor is acting most energetically to suppress the Sunday liquor traffic. He has thus far revoked about fifty licenses of liquor-dealers who have continued to sell contrary to his orders. His efforts in this respect are thwarted in the Tenth and Sixth Wards, the Aldermen of these wards refusing to cooperate with him in revoking the licenses of those who persist in violating the Sunday law. He has determined, however, to punish by *fine*, in accordance with the existing ordinance, such licensed dealers as may keep their places open, and to close up entirely all unlicensed venders in these wards.

☞ The annexed communication was received at the Mayor's office yesterday:

To His Honor the Mayor:

Passing through Sullivan-street on Saturday last, I was accosted by a little girl some 12 years old, requesting me to read the direction on a piece of paper which she handed me. It ran thus: "Mrs. N., Varick-street, is entitled to relief from the Eighth Ward Relief Association. Four in family—woman sick—coal and rice. By order of one of the Committee." I gave her back the paper and directed her where to present it. She then left me and went into a police office; I followed soon after, to be convinced of her object. She was there gambling, and one of the bystanders informed me that this girl had spent that day nearly six shillings.

I thought it my duty to speak to her, and to express her unreasonable it was to gamble away her money, and at the same time to be begging food. Child as she was, she seemed to feel the truth of my remarks; but said she, I can't help it—mother sends me every day to buy politics, and the rest of the people in the house play too, but when mother gets a good bit she says she won't play any more. Your Honor, other evils flow from insignificant causes beside this petty business—it fills the shelves of pawnbrokers, it robs families of food and clothing. Above this consideration in our minds, your Honor, and another gem will be added to the already bright cluster encircling your Mayoralty.

The Astor Library.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The Astor Library is an institution which does credit to its benefactor. But I think the end for which it was introduced is not fully attained, since the hours allowed for reading are but from 10 A. M., till 5 P. M.—the time which but few can afford to spend in that luxury.

If this institution was intended to benefit all classes, laborers, merchants, clerks, students, &c., the present time allowed for reading scants all within their leisure hours. Why could not the Library be opened also in the evenings?

NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1856. A STUDENT.

Observance of the Sabbath.

A copy of the following letter has been sent by Mayor WOOD to each of the Police Captains of the City:

MAYOR'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Feb. 6, 1856.

SIR: You will continue the utmost vigilance in preserving the quiet, good order, and peace of the Sabbath day. The aid you have rendered me so far in accomplishing these good reforms is appreciated not only by myself, but by the whole community. Without your hearty cooperation, I can do nothing. In addition to your usual Sunday liquor reports, please make returns of any Daguerreotype rooms, clothing stores, or other business places illegally open on Sunday within your district. It is my determination to make this City as distinguished for the orderly, peaceful, and pious observance of the Sabbath upon the Sabbath, as it has heretofore been on that day for exposing that term objectionable and shocking to the moral sense of the people.

To accomplish this improvement I must have your constant vigilance and faithful obedience to orders.

Very respectfully, yours, &c.

FERNANDO WOOD, Mayor.

CONSUL NORTON.—The Portsmouth (Va.) *Transcript* has the following:

Major BEN HAMMATT NORTON, the efficient and popular Consul of the United States at Pictou, Nova Scotia, is on a brief leave of absence at New-York. Our Consul has been enabled to render very acceptable service to Americans in Pictou, by the hospitality, dignity and propriety with which he discharges the duties of his office. He is one of the few American Consuls who does not draggle his official garments in business competition for "filthy lucre." The State Department wants a few more such Consuls.

(ADVERTISEMENT.)

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.—Professor HOLLOWAY had the honor of being presented to the Emperor of Russia in 1856, and obtaining permission for the sale of this extraordinary ointment in Russia, in consequence of its great efficacy in all skin diseases. It will cure Saltrheum and Scrofula when all other means fail. Sold by all Druggists, and at the manufactories, No. 80 Maiden-lane, New-York, and No. 244 Strand, London, at 25 cents, 62½ cents, and $1 per pot.

LONG ISLAND.

A Teacher Cowhided—Disgraceful Affair.

A teacher named JOHN COMLEY, employed at a school on Fulton-street, near Orange-street, Brooklyn, received on Wednesday last a well merited cowhiding at the hands of a respectable citizen, whose daughter, only about ten years of age, he had most grossly insulted the day previous. Yesterday the same COMLEY was arrested on a warrant charging him with indecent exposure of person to a daughter of one of our most wealthy and respectable citizens, taking her alone into a room, and subsequently presenting himself to a number of girls. The brothers of the girl above alluded to repaired yesterday to the school room to give the master another taste of the cowskin, but through the interference of the father he was shielded from this, and justice allowed to take its course. He was held by Justice D. K. SMITH, in the sum of $500, to answer any indictment that may be found against him. The accused is a man about 45 years of age.

Fires in Brooklyn.

Store No. 246 Columbia-street, South Brooklyn, was on fire about 11½ Wednesday night, the work, as alleged, of an incendiary. The fire was extinguished with a loss of $200, which is covered by insurance in the Hanover Insurance Co.

About 10 o'clock same night, a slight fire occurred at the corner of Myrtle and Kent-avenues. While returning from this fire, a member of Bucket Company No. 1, named JAMES MURPHY, was run over and severely injured. He would have been killed but for the prompt action of Mr. HALL, Foreman of the Company.

Mayor Hall's Complaint Book.

Yesterday, the fourth and fifth complaints within a week against one HAINES, keeper of an Intelligence Office in Brooklyn, was entered in Mayor HALL's Complaint Book, for defrauding them of small sums of money. The attention of Justice CURTIS has been called to the affair, and he is about examining into the matter.

The Clergy and the Mayors.

The Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Eastern District held a meeting recently, at which they passed resolutions approving the course of Mayor HALL and Mayor WOOD in reference to suppressing Sunday traffic, and also that they would on Sunday next, the 11th inst., preach to their respective congregations upon the due observance of the Lord's day.

Cruelly Punishing a Child.

A man occupying a respectable position in society, residing in Jorslemon-street, Brooklyn, was brought before Justice DANIEL K. SMITH, yesterday, to answer a complaint made against him for cruelly beating his own child. The father, when arrested, refused to produce the child, but after a short incarceration consented to bring it into Court. The back of the child was found to be badly bruised, and the father was held for examination.

NEW-JERSEY.

Fatal Accident at Elizabethport.

A German girl named MENIA ZENO, aged 15 years, was instantly killed in the Ropewalk of FAIRBANKS, RODGTON & Co., at Elizabethport, N. J., on Monday last. The deceased was employed in the Ropewalk, and was at work at the time tending one of the "jenneys," when she was struck by a "bobbin" from one of the spindles beside her.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

PIANOS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.—SUPERior toned 6½-octave Pianos for $175, $200 and $225, intrinsic as good as those which cost $500; Pianos of every variety of style, comprising those of ten different manufacturers; among them, T. Gilbert & Co.'s premium Æolian Pianos, and the Horace Waters modern improved Pianos; second-hand Pianos at great bargains; prices from $40 to $150. Pianos to rent. Melodeons of every variety, from $50 to $500. Melodeons, including the well known S. D. and H. W. Smith's melodeons, the best make in the United States, (tuned in the equal temperament,) all at extremely low prices. Music at the reduced rates. HORACE WATERS, No. 333 Broadway.

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Ecclesiastical Impudence.

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The Central American Expedition.

From the Washington Union.

We are permitted to give publicity to the following interesting correspondence between Secretary MARCY and Col. KINNEY in regard to the proposed Central American Colony. It will be seen that Mr. MARCY's letter points with discussion the determination of the Government to enforce the neutrality laws against infractions, while it is equally explicit in conceding the rights of emigration and expatriation. The leading point in the letter is the notice which it contains of the intention of the Government to recognize the existence of such a colony as Mr. CHANDLER's, for an estimate of the probable effects of the British system in the United States.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

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[illegible] Tuscarora is a victim; while the copy books and [illegible] will be quoted and petted when their souls are tried, keeping for better things. But, Mr. Editor, we women in this regard are not wise. We are in a sentimental and over effervescing state of mind, that on the pages of the history of this country it will be recorded, in the hereafter said, "that in electing our rulers, the great and good of our country, shooting like mountains in full and fair view, have been passed by, while the rabble crowd, mostly ignorant foreigners, like a flock of sheep following a Bellwether, (what bellwether being more [illegible] and deprived old wethers,) will shatter and [illegible] down an insignificant mole-hill, [illegible] before—as we have seen so lately." [illegible] great and noble souls, to whom we [illegible] have been laid in their graves, [illegible] sting of ingratitude [illegible] to the last. Oh, HENRY CLAY! Oh, [illegible] Of course, American women, have lifted up their voices and wept for this!

Philosophers say there is "good in things evil." True, the lesch blade and the blister berrie for all—[illegible] good. Also, out of the convict cement good [illegible] though it be. But who in his senses will say that the votes, brought by mercenary emissaries, of the hordes of foreigners and low-born thrust upon us, the very scum of impoverished [illegible], is beneficial to the moral and political health of this nation? Is there a necessity for this evil? Shall we, as a learned Judge said to me not long ago, "Ignorance, [illegible] that we call in [illegible] to assist us in moving our [illegible], while my son, and yours, and of [illegible] and [illegible], leaving ten times as [illegible] in this country, must not vote, because they are infants (so called) in years!" Then, in the name of WASHINGTON and Patriotism, why permit this all-important privilege to venerable infants in true republican brains, who are blown about by every wind of doctrine, with invariably a small gleam of whisky mixed?

Do not suspect me, Mr. Editor, of any latent desire to share your prerogative in voting. Far from it. So long as a quiet American woman [illegible] as the Government [illegible] unquestioned, (even if Billy does hold his cocked hat between notes for minors, and [illegible] for squabbles,) she will be quite willing to leave the political franchise to the proper persons, trusting to the bribery and corruption of a [illegible] district, a bright fire, and above and [illegible] "Hark right stay" of Harry, or sweet little Kate, as to regulate the vote then [illegible] that it will become as the echo of her wishes.

Mr. WALEWRIGHT was not only just—he was generous to the foreigner. He acknowledged the obligations we were under to them in the very fact of their immigrating here—swelling our numbers—thus assisting materially to make us the great nation we are. He said very many of them became excellent citizens, doing good service to the State; and he frankly admitted their right to participate in politics, when qualified by instruction. [illegible] Philosophy this is and sound doctrine!

Certainly, our American women have no wish for the ballot. We believe every American woman [illegible] of Home Protection, to the very sole of their gaiter boots. We would fain see the Know-Nothing party sweep this broad land like a whirlwind, and crush with its mighty breath these [illegible] interlopers—these nest eggs of treason and [illegible].

The reins of Government need in the hands of Pigeons, (vide Dictionary,) and it will be both easy and pleasant to widen the political sewer, and offer this great tree of Government, first into all for nothing, the heathen and the poorest as well as the they from the right.

The [illegible] appeal to Young America was enough to cool what whiskers they have with patriotic enthusiasm, and straighten their legs (for they are always checked) into a steady and determined [illegible]. Pray Heaven they may be [illegible] with heavy determination to stamp their heels when they really have cause! Nothing! No longer with [illegible] Norwich champagne, and the [illegible] Declaration of Independence for the first time, say their prayers, which they have forgotten to do of late, shutting up their wind and their morning knives, and help good men to cut off these orphans from the vine.

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[illegible] Bornuese watched eastward to the river Shary, devastating the country and villages wherever they went. After following the course of that river for two days, they crossed it at a comparatively shallow place, whereby they lost a great number of horses. Having reached the eastern side of the river, they captured, within a few hours, at least 2,000 slaves or the Musgo, who also live there, as well as upwards of 4,000 head of cattle. Thirty-six men were also brought into the camp; and in the most revolting way the Bornuese with their blunt knives cut off one arm at the elbow and one leg at the knee of each of these captives, who thus horribly maimed gradually bled to death. But this was not the worst torture inflicted on the unfortunate captives. The Musgo living in an entirely naked state, are greatly affected by the rain and cold weather; their huts being also well built afford them sufficient shelter during the rainy season. The rains which commenced while the expedition began their return, namely, in the beginning of May, were of the most terrific description; every evening they were ushered in with thunder-storms and whirlwinds, or rather hurricanes, and they came down in torrents, such, says Dr. Vogel, as he had never witnessed before or had any conception of. The captives lay huddled together in the camp—which, in these alluvial plains, was soon inundated and turned into a great pool—without any shelter or covering whatever, shivering with cold and suffering dreadfully. The consequence was, that dysentery and small-pox soon broke out among them in a fearful degree, and out of 4,000 slaves not quite 500 reached Kuka,—the rest having thus miserably perished on the road.

When these diseases appeared in the camp, Dr. Vogel, who began to suffer, having for three weeks never had his clothes dry, not been able to procure proper and nourishing food, hastened on to Kuka in advance of the army, and safely arrived at that place.

The results of this journey of Dr. Vogel are extremely interesting; for, in addition to his astronomical and botanical surveys, which may be said to constitute his professional labors, nothing of any interest in every branch of natural science seems to escape his attention, being highly gifted with the powers of close observation. Perhaps the most important fact resulting from this journey is the extremely small elevation of the whole region traversed by Dr. Vogel, and extending upwards of 300 geographical miles S.S.E. from Kuka. Drs. Barth and Overweg, indeed, had previously in unmistakable terms described that region as a great level plain, but absolute measurements of its elevation above the sea were hitherto wanting. This great central plain of Inner Africa, then, presents no where as far as 9° north latitude (a few isolated small granite cones excepted) an elevation exceeding 950 feet. Dr. Vogel says, that in about 11° north latitude, 120 miles from Kuka, he found at a depth of 20 feet under the surface of the ground, the same layer, consisting of limestone and freshwater shells, which he met with at Kuka 6 feet under the ground; and he suggests that the whole region extending thus for upwards of 100 miles S.S.E. from Kuka, was at one time occupied by Lake Tsad, when its limits extended greatly beyond its present ones. But whether this assumption be correct or not, the well-ascertained fact as to the slight elevation of that region, together with the results of the previous hypsometrical observations of Dr. Vogel and Dr. Overweg, as well as of the discoveries and acute estimates of Dr. Barth relating to altitudes, are well worthy consideration, as they completely upset our previous notions of African Geography. It is well known that all our best authorities represent the Great Desert of Sahara, and nearly the whole of Northern Africa, as one vast plain, if not a dead level, at least one of very little elevation; whereas, immediately to the south of Lake Tsad, the existence of mountain ranges, dense groves, highlands, and mighty table-lands of many thousand feet elevation, was asserted and taught as well established facts. Search from the observations made by the members of the Expedition to Central Africa, this is found to be quite the reverse, and both features may be truly said to have changed places—an extensive table-land from 1,000 to 2,000 feet average elevation occupying the Sahara, whereas, on the other hand, the extensive basin of Lake Tsad and the River Shary forms a great interior depression, which attains its maximum elevation in the Lake with 650 feet. On every side the basin of Lake Tsad is fringed with more or less elevated tracts, which separate it from the other hydrographical systems, as, for instance, those of the Nile and the Niger. These new facts of the relative elevation of Inner Africa also explain to us many features connected with the physical configuration, the climate, botany, and zoology of the regions they refer to.

The countries round Lake Tsad form an immense alluvial plain. Dr. Vogel, after leaving [illegible] of Aghedem, situated upwards of 250 geographical miles north from the Kuka, did not see a single rock or stone till he came to Wese, which lies upwards of 100 miles S. S. E. of Kuka; thus leaving an alluvial tract between the two points of 250 geographical miles in the heart of Africa. At Wese an isolated group of gigantic cones rises almost perpendicularly out of the alluvial plain to the height of 400 feet above their basis.

As to the hydrography of this region, Dr. Vogel had the opportunity to view the Shary, its main stream, for a considerable distance. It was found by him in about 10° north latitude, about 2,000 feet wide, and, on an average, 12 feet deep; it being then, at the commencement of the rainy season. Here and there sand banks extended across the river, leaving a depth of only six to eight feet. It ran with a current of four geographical miles per hour. From traces found by Dr. Vogel on its steep banks, he estimates it to rise to double its height (viz., 30 feet deep) in the middle of the rainy season, and from the admeasurements made by him, this large river discharges no less than 140,000 cubic feet per second into Lake Tsad during that period of the year. Between the latitudes of 10° and 11° the natives call the river Arrek,—with the Bornuese it bears, in general, the name of the "River of Logomah."

The Lake of Tubori, already mentioned in the above, stretches from 10° north latitude and 14° 30' east longitude, in a direction from north to south, to beyond the ninth parallel; in its westerlike form, its width and depth increasing southwards; so that in latitude 9° 30' north, it is four miles wide, comprising numerous islands of an elongated form, densely peopled by Musgoe and Tuboris. At its northern extremity, which is surrounded by large marshes, its depth is five or six feet, but in latitude 9° 30' north, it is twenty feet. The length from north to south, Dr. Vogel believed to be no less than sixty to eighty geographical miles. Neither Dr. Barth nor Dr. Overweg has, so far as we are aware, alluded to this immense lake, though the country of the Tuburi (identical with Tubori) is shown in Barth's Map. We think it, therefore, not unlikely that this great expanse of comparatively shallow water is of a periodical nature; being enlarged, if not even caused, by the floods of the rainy season, like many other African lakes, Lake Tsad itself included. We know, besides, from these travellers, that the whole of the country is inundated yearly to a large extent. Dr. Vogel found the western banks of Lake Tubori to be lined by a granitic range of slight elevation, the basis on which they stand being from 940 to 960 feet above the level of the ocean.

The country of the Tuburi, or Tuburi, lies between the parallels of 9° and 10°, and between the meridians of 14° and 15° east longitude, and is a rich, fertile country, and well cultivated. For four or five hours, the Bornuese army at times marched through uninterrupted fields of ghafaly. Tobacco is also extensively cultivated, of which the natives stem very fond, especially the women, they being rarely seen without smoking a short pipe cleverly made of clay and straw. A quantity of fifty or sixty pounds of tobacco was commonly found in the huts of the natives. Extensive forests surround the Lake of Tubori, and consist chiefly of the Doleb palm, as it is called in Nubia. It is a magnificent tree, its crown not unlike that of the Doom palm, but larger, and the leaves of a bright green. The trunk is smooth; the fruit is 6 to 9 inches long by 3 to 4 inches thick, weighs about four or five pounds, is egg-shaped, of a deep yellow color, and the juice reminds strongly of the pineapple in its taste and odor. The height of these trees does not generally exceed 40 feet.

The whole dress of the Tuburi, both male and female, consists of a narrow strip of leather bound round their loins, on which the women fasten a dense petticoat, which however is not worn to cover their front but behind. The men are fully [illegible] they being generally [illegible] only clothed in a shirt, rarely [illegible] Gambia, [illegible] further than our previous observations have given.

[illegible] Dr. Vogel, after leaving [illegible] Aghedem, situated upwards of 250 geographical miles north from the Kuka, did not see a single rock or stone till he came to Wese, which lies upwards of 100 miles S. S. E. of Kuka; thus leaving an alluvial tract between the two points of 250 geographical miles in the heart of Africa. At Wese an isolated group of gigantic cones rises almost perpendicularly out of the alluvial plain to the height of 400 feet above their basis.

As to the hydrography of this region, Dr. Vogel had the opportunity to view the Shary, its main stream, for a considerable distance. It was found by him in about 10° north latitude, about 2,000 feet wide, and, on an average, 12 feet deep; it being then, at the commencement of the rainy season. Here and there sand banks extended across the river, leaving a depth of only six to eight feet. It ran with a current of four geographical miles per hour. From traces found by Dr. Vogel on its steep banks, he estimates it to rise to double its height (viz., 30 feet deep) in the middle of the rainy season, and from the admeasurements made by him, this large river discharges no less than 140,000 cubic feet per second into Lake Tsad during that period of the year. Between the latitudes of 10° and 11° the natives call the river Arrek,—with the Bornuese it bearing

AUCTION SALES.

[illegible] ARLEY.—The undersigned will sell [illegible] Company of the State of New-York, in the [illegible] Hudson River, on THURSDAY, the 1st day [illegible] Feb. 1855, at 12 o'clock, P. M., at the Merchants' Exchange, [illegible] Hart's Corner, Depot of the Hudson River [illegible] Company, [illegible] to the Green Row: Powder Mill [illegible] Dwelling House, Barns and Sheds, and about 120 [illegible] of land, the property appertaining to the said powder [illegible] of which the said vacant [illegible] Company, on the fifth [illegible] Wm. Cooper McCabe and wife to Henry H. Sharp, [illegible] dated the 1st day of May, 1846, recorded in Liber [illegible] Clerk's Office, in Liber 116 of deeds, pages 421 [illegible] Jesse Willis and wife to Robert F. Halsted, deed dated [illegible] 1848, recorded in the said Clerk's Office, in Liber [illegible] Samuel Willis and wife to Robert F. Halsted, deed dated [illegible] 1848, recorded in the said Clerk's Office, in Liber [illegible] Samuel Willis and wife to Jesse H. Horton and wife to same, deed dated [illegible] 1848; William Willis and wife to same, deed dated [illegible] 1848; John W. Willis to Henry G. Ward, deed dated [illegible] 1848, conveying and reserving therefrom certain [illegible] Ward, by conveyed to the Harlem Railroad Company [illegible] 1851, containing together about five and a half acres, as [illegible] to a map in the possession of the Auctioneer. [illegible]

At the same time and place, the undersigned will sell the [illegible] Company, having been conveyed to them as [illegible] for blasting purposes, and the neighborhood is in other [illegible] in the market, the opportunity for powder consumers [illegible] such excellent offer, and the sale will positively take place, whether you be in the state of the market or not. [illegible] will be liberal to the purchaser, will be made known at the time of the sale.

For a map of the premises and other information, apply to the Auctioneer, No. 7 Broad-st, New-York. Persons wishing to examine the property may do so by applying to Mr. R. V. Hasbrouck, on the premises. Seven trains of cars of the Harlem Railroad leave and return to the City daily.

A. J. BLECKERS, No. 7 Broad-st.

SIMEON DRAPER, Auctioneer.

BY SIMEON DRAPER.—Office No. 45 Pine-st., cor. Broad.—WILL SELL ON FRIDAY, Feb. 9, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange:

[illegible] bonds New Albany and Salem Railroad, due 1872, with coupons at 5 per cent, payable in June and December, in New-York.

[illegible] Ohio and Mississippi Railroad Company Convertible 7 per cent Second Mortgage Bonds, due 1860, interest payable 1st April and 1st October, in New-York.

[illegible] Bonds of the Hudson River Railroad Company, due in 1874; interest payable May and Nov. 1, in New-York.

[illegible] Bull's Head Bank.....$25 each.
[illegible] per share Railroad Stock.....100 each.
$10,000 seven per cent Chattanooga Railroad Bonds, 1000 each.
[illegible] per cent Rock Island First Mortgage 6 per cent, July in New-York. Interest payable 10th January and 10th

SAMUEL H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY ON 14TH-ST.—AN AUCTION Sale of Albert Cryder, ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Feb. 15, 1855, at 12 o'clock M., at the Merchants' Exchange, the following described property, viz: Situated on the south side of 14th-st., between Second and Third-sts., the lot of land [illegible] feet 6 inches in front, and 100 feet in depth, on which are erected two new brick tenement houses, numbered [illegible] and 20 West 14th-st., and known as No. 17. The house is 25 feet in width by 50 feet in depth, [illegible] in modern style, with gas, water closets, bathing rooms, &c., and is in good order. The house is 25 feet in width by 50 feet, mean or less. The lease is from the Trustees of Sailors' Snug Harbor, for 21 years from May, 1854, at an annual ground rent of $[illegible], with the usual covenant for renewal. Order of sale and the premises can be had on application to the auctioneer, No. 7 Broad-st.

W. S. MELLOR, Auctioneer.

BY HOUGHTON & BRIGGS.—THIS DAY, Feb. 9, at 10 o'clock, at No. 14 Dey-st., near Broadway, Mortgage sale of the furniture of a first class dining saloon, which has lately been fitted up at an expense of $6,000, and is worthy the attention of the hotel keepers and hotel keepers, consisting of [illegible] Russian plate, German silver, [illegible] 30 dozen [illegible] Knives and forks, very heavy handle knives, including [illegible] viz.: copper boilers, saucepans, kettles, &c.; several elegant [illegible] with marble tops, dining tables, several [illegible] mirrors, French plate, silver plated [illegible] gilt chandeliers, including all the gas fixtures; also ranges, and cast glass doors, fixtures, &c., also sills and buildings. Catalogue on morning of sale. Deposits will be required from all purchasers. Sold to satisfy a lien.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE 15TH-ST. PROPERTY.—ADRIAN H. MULLER & CO. will sell at auction on TUESDAY, Feb. 13, 1855, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, four valuable lots, on the south side of 15th-st., between Second and Third-sts., the fourth lots of 15th-st., lot numbered 48, and living place, being together 50 feet front by 103 feet 2 inches in depth. The property is situated in one of the most favorable parts of the City. The title is perfect, being part of the estate of the late Cornelius Ver Hoven, further particulars of which will be made known at the time of the sale.

For a map of the premises and other information, apply to the Auctioneer, No. 7 Broad-st, New-York. Persons wishing to examine the property may do so by applying to Mr. R. V. Hasbrouck, on the premises. Seven trains of cars of the Harlem Railroad leave and return to the City daily.

A. J. BLECKERS, No. 7 Broad-st.

JOHN L. VANDEWATER, Auctioneer.

VANDEWATER & TURNER.—Will sell on SATURDAY, Feb. 10, at 10½ o'clock, at their auction room, No. 39 Pine and 35 Cedar-sts., a large assortment of mahogany bureaus, tables, chairs, sofas, chairs, [illegible], bedsteads, plate chairs, silver plated ware, cutlery, parlor and other stoves, maple wash, [illegible] patterns, dry goods, sample cards, [illegible], [illegible], China tea sets, &c. Also a consignment of second-hand furniture, removed for convenience of sale; [illegible], [illegible], glassware, crockery, &c.

C. A. WEMPLE, Auctioneer.

BY C. A. WEMPLE.—Regular sale [illegible] Friday, Feb. 10, commencing the balance of the invoice of fancy and staple and so called red box of 10 to 24. French & Co. manufacture, received by the Isaac Reed, [illegible] of the best quality, viz.: [illegible] Also a [illegible] of [illegible] Also, 100 [illegible] of [illegible] will be found of superior quality, and will be sold without reserve. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, and continue until the whole is disposed of. Catalogues will be ready for delivery on the morning of sale, when they have been received. For information, apply to GOODEN & HEWITT, No. 37 New-st.

REMOVALS.

REMOVAL.—E. SUREE, Fashionable Boot Maker, [illegible] Broadway, to No. 1 Barclay-st., [illegible] Hotel, where he will be happy to receive his customers and friends. Gentlemen's boots made to order, of the finest leather, and of the very best workmanship. Repairing done at the shortest notice. Gentlemen's Gaiters, Slippers, Pumps, &c.

REMOVAL.—CHARLES BURDETT, late Morris & Burdett, Importers of Cigars, from No. 4 Barclay-st., to No. 37 Park-row, in the rear.

UNITED STATES PASSPORTS.—[illegible] JOHN [illegible] Broadway, [illegible] in connection, [illegible] Wall-st., in the rear.

INSTRUCTION.

MR. MURRAY NAIRNE'S SCHOOL.—For [illegible] Boys, will commence from Ar[illegible] MONDAY, Feb. 5. The second half-yearly term will commence on MONDAY, Feb. 5, at Hopkins-st., Brooklyn. Reference: Mess. Geo. Griswold, Jas. Lenox, Robert Ralston; Rev. George C. Beasley, Rev. Dr. Cox, Messrs. Howe, Rice & Co., James Brown, Esq., Dr. Cox, Jr., Rev. Dr. Ludlow.

MISS SPALDING—Would inform her friends and the public that on the 1st of April she will remove her school from the premises she has occupied for 18 years, to a more central location, in Bond-st., near Broadway, where she will be able to receive an additional number of pupils, as well as afford additional facilities for Primary and Intermediate pupils. N. B. Jan. 16, 1855.

TO PARENTS.—MR. E. BINGHAM FOR BOYS [illegible] CLASSICAL GYMNASIUM, 656 Broadway, [illegible] Feb. 5. The gymnasium is open [illegible] in connection therewith. The business department [illegible].

MISS WASHINGTON'S COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE, No. 29 Bond-st., near Broadway, [illegible].

CHARLES S. PARSONS, Principal.

WILLIAM SCHUBERT, GUITARIST.—Respectfully informs his friends and pupils, that he has resumed his lessons, at his residence, 214 Bleecker-st., New-York. The best reference will be given.

DANCING.

A. PODWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMY, [illegible] Broadway, opposite 12th-st., is now open for the reception of [illegible] and children. [illegible] TUESDAY, [illegible] and [illegible] WEDNESDAY [illegible] THURSDAY, and every other FRIDAY. Private [illegible] Saturday afternoon, on SATURDAY EVENINGS [illegible] Feb. 9, 1855.

BROOKLYN.—New classes are now forming for the winter, at WILSON'S Academy for Dancing, on Clinton-st., corner of Atlantic, formerly the Athenæum. Private lessons to children, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 3 o'clock P. M.; gentlemen, on Tuesdays and Fridays, at 8 o'clock P. M.

MACHINERY.

CORNING'S EXTRA OIL FOR BURNING AND MACHINERY.—This oil is perfectly free from [illegible] surpassing, in any other mixture, it has been in use many years, and, when used, is known as a fact, all that does not [illegible] it will be found, for good [illegible] machinery, [illegible] shops, [illegible] and others, as a valuable for [illegible] of its entire satisfaction. This is an experiment, but the oil has acquired a valuable character from its guarantee and the satisfaction of the purchasers of the maker. Consumers and trade will find the [illegible] and [illegible] will give them a trial, as well as others who have now using it, good satisfaction. Barrels 9 to 40 gallons each. This oil is not sold by any other dealer, all orders signed being JOHN W. QUINCY, No. 97 John-st.

SOLID WROUGHT IRON BEAMS FOR FIRE PROOF BUILDINGS, WALTER WOOD'S PATENT.—The undersigned are prepared to furnish the above beams, in any quantity, of any size, and of any length, and guarantee them to be equal to any in the market, and to be in every respect, as represented by the patentee, viz., uniform strength of the iron, of uniform size, and free from blowholes and other defects. Orders have been received for the beams from the following parties, viz.: [illegible] Apply to GOODEN & HEWITT, No. 37 New-st.

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DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL COMPANY.—Corner of Broadway and Wall-st.—New-York, Jan. 31, 1855.—A semi-annual dividend of five per cent, on the Capital Stock of the Pennsylvania Coal Company has this day been declared, payable in cash at the office of the Company, in the City of New-York, on and after the 15th day of February next. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 3d to the 15th February, both inclusive.

GEORGE A. HOYT, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF REPUBLIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 14 Wall-st., Jan. 31, 1855.

THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared, in conformity with their Charter, a dividend of four and three-quarters per cent, on their Capital Stock, payable on demand to the shareholders in cash and scrip.

And also a further dividend of twenty per cent, payable in scrip to the assured, on all premiums on the policies issued by this Company which have terminated within the fiscal year ending 31st December last.

ROBERT E. HONE, President.

D. F. CURRY, Secretary.

The Charter of this Company provides that after paying interest to its stockholders at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, the remaining profits are to be annually divided between them and the policy holders in scrip bearing interest, which scrip is not to be paid off until the net profit, together with the capital stock shall exceed one million of dollars.

INTEREST NOTICE.—MICHIGAN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANIES.—The interest falling due 1st February, on the Bonds of these Companies, will be paid on and after that day on presentation of the proper coupons, as follows:

On the NORTHERN INDIANA MORTGAGE BONDS of 1861, at the Mechanics' Bank.

On the NORTHERN INDIANA MORTGAGE BONDS, Goshen Line.

On the NORTH INDIANA BONDS of 1862.

On the MICHIGAN SOUTHERN MORTGAGE BONDS, Jackson Branch, at the office of the Company, No. 16 William-st.

E. C. LITCHFIELD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE GALENA AND CHICAGO RAILROAD CO., CHICAGO, Jan. 15, 1855.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.—Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, that a dividend of five per cent upon the capital stock of the Company, for the six months ending Feb. 1, 1855, has been declared, payable on the 15th day of February next, in certificates bearing date Feb. 1, 1855, to be issued by the Secretary, which certificates will be redeemable in cash on the 1st day of February, 1856, with interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. By order of the Board of Directors.

W. B. LANARDE, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—The Brooklyn Fire Insurance Company have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent. on their capital stock, payable to the stockholders on and after the 15th inst., at their office, No. 8 Merchants' Exchange, Wall-st., New-York. The transfer books are closed and will remain closed until that day. By order of the Board.

WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—THE PETER COOPER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have declared a Dividend of Seven per Cent., payable on and after the first day of February next, at the office of the Company, corner of 34-st. and 4th-av. The Transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st inst. By order of the Board of Directors.

WM. H. HIBBLET, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 152 Chambers-st., New-York, Jan. 31, 1855.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent., payable on and after the 15th inst., to which time the transfer books will be closed.

CARLISLE NORWOOD, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1855.

CITY BANK OF BROOKLYN, BROOKLYN, Feb. 3, 1855.

DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have declared a semi-annual Dividend of Four (4) per cent., payable on the 15th inst. The Transfer Books will be closed until that date.

M. P. PERRIN, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—CITIZENS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1855.—A semi-annual dividend of four per cent. on the capital stock, will be paid to the stockholders on and after Monday the 12th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that day. By order of the Board of Directors.

S. B. COMSTOCK, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—The Knickerbocker Stage Company have this day declared a Dividend of Twenty per cent. out of the clear earnings of said Company, payable on and after the 8th February, 1855. The Transfer Books will be closed to the 10th inst. By order of the Board.

GEO. C. PETERS, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK FIRE AND MARINE INS. CO., NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1855.

DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of ten per cent. upon the net earnings of the Company, payable on and after the 5th February, 1855. The Transfer Books will be closed to the 10th inst. By order of the Board.

ROBERT L. PATTERSON, President.

BENJAMIN C. BULLEN, Secretary.

JOSEPH B. JACKSON, M. D., Medical Adviser, Newark.

JAMES STEWART, M. D., Medical Adviser, New-York.

JOSEPH L. LORD, Agent.

OFFICE—No. 11 Wall-st.

BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—CHARTERED IN 1853.—Office No. 42 Pineapple, corner of Orchard-st., Brooklyn, E. D., and No. 157 Broadway, Wall-st., New-York.—The Company, having their capital invested in the most substantial securities, and having a large surplus, continue to insure dwelling houses, stores, and other buildings, furniture, merchandise, vessels in port, and other purposes, upon as favorable terms as any similar institution.

DIRECTORS.

[illegible]

SAMUEL TOWNSEND, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE JEFFERSON INS. CO., No. 52 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Feb. 5, 1855.

AT AN ELECTION—Held this day, the following gentlemen were elected Directors for the ensuing year:

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WILLIAM F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 61 Wall-st., New-York, 24th Jan., 1855.—The Company, with a CASH CAPITAL of $210,000 [illegible] with a surplus of over $[illegible] [illegible] year ago by the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

New-York Daily Times.

RELIEF FOR THE POOR.

A Suggestion to the Rich.

These hard times are full of suggestions, and suggestions can do no harm if they do no good. It kills no one to ask favors, and kills no one to be refused, unless it be some foolish lover who has most presumptuously asked a lady's heart, and he must be foolish indeed who dies from such a blow. I never yet could see that it was disgraceful, either, to ask favors, and surely there is nothing so grateful to a noble heart as to grant them.

"I have made my fortune in the world, and taken care of myself, and thanks to nobody," is not a boast I should care to make. I have learned to feel a peculiar respect for those who do not succeed well in the world—a sentiment I somewhere saw expressed by another, not long since, who would be better authority for a worthy opinion.

But there are many who do not like to ask favors for themselves, who are yet very willing that others should do it for them; and there are many who cannot even think for themselves, but who need some one to both think and act for them.

I have walked up and down Fifth-avenue, and from street to street across the City, and I have also been within many a princely establishment where there was room enough and to spare, and I have thought to myself, why should these spacious and comfortable apartments stand empty, when there are so many homeless and houseless in the great City? Here are dwellings with twice as many rooms as the family can occupy; and only a little way off there are persons moving in the same circle, and equally cultivated and refined, who have not where to lay their heads. These are gentlemen whose only wealth is wisdom, but whose wisdom, however valuable, cannot be converted into gold. But they are pleasant fireside companions, and their conversation and influence would be a blessing to any household.

"These boarding-houses are the ruin of American society, manners and morals," exclaims a gentleman who has been obliged long to test them. They are not only destitute of the comforts, but of the restraints and hallowed influences of home. But those who have homes will exclaim, "Who wishes to have the sanctity of the domestic fireside desecrated by strangers—by boarders! or who wishes to have his carpets stained by the footprints of an alien, and his elegant furniture soiled and worn by those who value it not, because it belongs to another?" Alas! somebody will question your gentility, if you take *boarders*, or they will begin to wonder if necessity does not compel to the sacrifice, and this would be an imputation not to be endured. I have sometimes thought that slaves to gentility were the veriest and most abject in the ranks of servitude.

But I will go on with my suggestion. I will not ask you to take strangers, or clowns. But among your friends, if you will only take them into consideration, are many to whom riches are not even a far off vision, who barter their learning for their bread. They are living like monks and hermits, because it would be the height of presumption to think of providing themselves companionship, if this also involved extra expense, but there is in your house abundance of room, and there are an abundance of servants whose labor would scarcely be increased by the addition of two or three. Your table is not luxuriously every day, and your store-room is filled to overflowing. Or perhaps you are among those amiable ones who live in a very plain family way, but you would not need to add a single item to your daily bill of fare, for variety's sake—the family breakfast, the family dinner, and the family tea might be the same, with the family circle only a little larger, and far more pleasant. You have pleasant society when you wish, with still the privilege of remaining alone when more agreeable.

This will probably sound like some utopian project, by one who has only theorized upon the subject, which it would be impossible to put in practice. But I have actually seen it put in practice most successfully, and homes which would otherwise have been much of the time cheerless and desolate, made pleasant, and happiness multiplied with scarcely any increase of labor, and no expense which involved risk or threatened ruin. In this way many might enjoy homes and domestic happiness, who must with their slender means remain forever isolated, for things are continually growing worse and worse. The city must be built up with these great blocks, which the rich alone can own and inhabit, and the poor are every day becoming more and more destitute, not so much of food as of shelter. They could live if they only had some comfortable place in which to dwell. Will you not think of them, ye prosperous ones, and perhaps from self-interest, if from no better motive, you may be induced to open your doors. MINNIE MYRTLE.

Suggestions for Young Women who Want Work.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

We who have abundance of room, and know scarcely any abatement of the good things of this life, even in these times, so emphatically termed "hard," recoil with regret of the scenes of misery and want which we see in our crowded City. Especially do we deplore the sufferings of women, belonging, as we do, to that sex upon whom trouble falls ever the most heavily. "Thousands of honest, respectable females out of employ," is the record in your public journals, and our hearts are pained as we read. But merely pitying the miseries of others cannot relieve them, and we feel ourselves called upon to act, to extend a helping hand, and if it is refused, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have endeavored to do our duty.

Here, all over the great West, are pleasant towns and thriving villages—healthful, moral and prosperous—abounding in social, intellectual and religious privileges, where food and fuel—indeed, all the comforts of life—are cheap, and in most cases easily obtained. In all these are housekeepers daily toiling, unaided and overburdened with cares, who would rejoice to obtain the assistance of virtuous and honest females, and who would not treat them as outcasts. In every department of household labor there is everywhere a cry for help. Seamstresses, tailoresses and dressmakers are greatly needed to assist in families by the week or month. Indeed, in every department of useful labor there is room for those desiring employment. City housekeepers are mostly supplied by the numerous foreigners who pour into them—it is the towns and villages which offer the best inducements to the worthy and respectable.

Such being the case, why will any remain to contend with want and privations, while by leaving they can enter into situations in which they can honestly and independently furnish themselves with all the comforts of life?

The wages usually given in the West vary, of course, according to circumstances, but the average sum, both for household labor and sewing, is from one dollar to one and half per week. This may seem low compared with city prices, but united with the comforts and privileges granted in this country, it should seem almost a fortune to those who are destitute of either. Economy has enabled many a female to save considerable, and yet poverty-stricken a large sum does wages go higher than these.

But there is reason perhaps here not the means to bring them. We we, and must they then suffer? Are these none to open the door and let them go free from the slavery of poverty? Let us suggest, as a mode among the many adopted by the benevolent of New-York for relieving those oppressed by this unusual weight of cross, the purchase of free tickets upon the Railroads for the deserving who wish to go West for employment. Honorable, also would it be, for Railroad Companies to furnish these tickets themselves. Truly, this might seem in both cases like "casting bread upon the waters," but we predict in accordance with scriptures, it would not only be "found again," but repaid with interest. Be that as it may, the most noble charity is to help those who would help themselves.

One more suggestion: Should there be found any who feel disposed to make the trial of coming West, (they need not go very far beyond the Ohio,) it would be well for them to bring undisputed certificates of good character, and if they are professors of religion, by all means to apply for letters from the churches of which they are members. These will insure them at once homes in the best of families, and reception which will not chill their hearts in a strange land. Let them, on arriving, inquire at once for the ministers of their denomination, and acquaint them with the object for which they came, and they will assume that position which perseverance in moral rectitude will enable them to retain.

These suggestions are all given with the sincerest wishes to do good to those for whom they are intended, and it is to be hoped they will be received in good faith, and accomplish the design for which they were written. A WESTERN HOUSEKEEPER.

OHIO, Jan. 30, 1855.

What is to be Done to Keep the Poor?

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

This is a question easily asked—not easily answered.

One says, "Don't give money;" another, "Don't give soup;" and so on, "Don't do this," and "Don't do that." If doing *nothing* would relieve the distress, it would be easily done.

In the meantime, Mr. GERRY, and Mr. BEACH, and Mr. PRASE and Mr. DIXON, agree that *work is not to be had*; and that starvation is staring robust men, willing women and weakly children in the face.

Perhaps the simplest way is to *let* them die; but we are not just ready to take that position. Probably Mr. GERRY and Mr. BEACH will not recommend *that*. All agree that the emergency is imminent but all do not agree as to what is to meet it.

Over wise or over cautious, or over saving men deprecate action, lest it should be wrong. At first, every one was ready to do everything. Now, the expected reaction has come, and the cry is, "You will do more harm than good." Over wise, over cautious and over saving men therefore button up their pockets and commend themselves. To do nothing will not help these starving families. It is admitted on all hands,

1. That work is not to be had;
2. That without it, or temporary aid, disease and starvation are inevitable.

To give to suffering people, even if there are some scamps among them, is not such a luxurious charity as to corrupt all the workmen, or to harden the hearts or close the purses of the kindly and well to do.

By all means, then, let us sustain the "Soup Dispensaries," or we shall have:

1. Frequent Coroner's inquests.
2. Increasing crime.
3. Typhus and malignant disease, leavening up into higher ranks.
4. Crowded Hospitals.
5. Increased taxation.
6. Desperation, bitterness and hatred cankering the hearts of the sufferers.

The cry of "You are doing too much," is affecting the funds of every benevolent institution in the City. "The Society for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor," "The Children's Aid Society," "The Five Points House of Industry," "The Emigrant's Protection Agency," among them. This last society, intended to know where work can be had, and to forward the workman to it, is the organization which will thoroughly and permanently relieve the pressure of laborers to which we are now liable. This society needs not "Philanthropists," but large minded and active "business men," to systematize and complete its plans. One man of the very highest business talents ought to be at its head, and to manage it with the same energy which makes every commercial house successful. Sustained by men of character and by efficient agents, this society will then solve the problem which is now disturbing the public mind.

By all means, then, during this "Hard Winter," let us stand by the Ward Committees, the Working Missionaries, and the Soup Kitchens, in purse and person, and fear not. But by all means, let us direct the Ward Committees to hand over 10 or 20 per cent. of our contributions to "The Protection and Employment Society," No. 27 Greenwich-street.

The *first* will stave off present starvation and misery.

The *second* will organize against it in the future.

CH. W. ELLIOTT, No. 17 East Eighteenth-street.

Labor and Wages.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

I had intended at an earlier period to have offered a few remarks upon the speech delivered by Mr. WALFORD at the mass meeting of workingmen, held a few evenings since at the Tabernacle; but for want of time I have not been enabled to do so. I avail myself, however, of the present opportunity.

After stating the object for which the meeting had been convened, with a few other general remarks, Mr. WALFORD proceeded to enlighten his audience by reading to them the ratable amount of wages received by mechanics and laborers in their respective countries. If is to one of these countries only that I would confine my remarks, inasmuch as I am totally ignorant of the price of labor as well as the cost of living, &c., in the other European countries spoken of by Mr. WALFORD—I mean England.

In the first place, then, Mr. W. commences by telling his attentive listeners that the mechanic in England receives as pay for his daily labor 83 cents, and the laborer 22 cents, while the American mechanic receives $1 66 and the laborer $1.

I do not know, neither care I, how or from whom Mr. W. has derived his information, but his remarks evidence to me the fact that he has been wrongly informed, which only tends to show the necessity of speaking experimentally, and the danger of asserting and putting forth things as facts which are really not so, having been stated merely perhaps upon the word of a neighbor.

Mr. W. describes also, in his way, the amount of wages paid to the English operatives, which he states are as follows: wool combers, $3 06 per week, on an average; power loom weavers, $2 per week; hand loom weavers, $1 75 per week. Now, as I wish to be as brief as possible, I will class the whole together and speak of them generally, mechanics, laborers and operatives.

Some eight months ago I was in London. At that time the rate of wages paid to mechanics was as follows: Carpenters, 6 shillings ($1 50) per day; smiths the same; house painters, 5 shillings ($1 25;) and other trades in proportion—some more and some less; laborers' wages were from 2 shillings and 6 pence to 4 shillings, or from 60 cents to $1.

This has been the average price of wages for a series of years past; it was so when I left, and doubtless is now the same. And for the further information of Mr. W., I would say that I have traveled through the whole of the North of England, and more especially through that County (Yorkshire) towards which he manifests so much ill feeling—the seat of the factories being, as he is pleased to term them, the most inhuman in the world. I have been in the factories and conversed with the operatives, by which means I have been enabled to ascertain the amount of wages they are paid for their labor, as well as the cost of their living; and I can state with confidence that the wages of these men and women are widely different to the account given by Mr. W. The average wages of the wool-comber is at the least 16 shillings per week, ($4,) while that of the hand-loom weaver varies from 12 to 24 shillings, or $3 to $6. This is materially different to $1 75,—that amount of wages, or nearly so, being paid to a boy or girl for tending the weavers; they are called "tenders." I do not purpose to say more regarding the price of English labor—it is unnecessary; now will I attempt to deny that the price of labor in America is higher than in England—I willingly grant that it is so; but I deny, and can very readily prove, that the American mechanic or laborer is in no better condition than the English,—much as he has been lifted up, in fact he is no better off. Let us see what it costs our friend A in London to live: he is a single man, he lives in a very respectable family, (there are no boarding-houses,) and pays for his board and lodging 10 shillings per week, ($2 50) that is a high price—it is mostly 8 shillings; and if we glance over his tailor's bill, we shall find it to be little more than half the price it would be in America. If he should happen to be married he can get a very comfortable house for about $70 or $80 which he would pay $300 for in America, and live actually cheaper than our friend A, because his wife would keep the house herself. If you take a walk through a village in the manufacturing districts in the North of England, and you stop and look at a neat little cottage, (the occupant and family of which are perhaps weavers,) you will see the interior plainly but well furnished, and having the air of plenty and comfort, with the inmates well and comfortably clad; if you look at the end of the garden, you will probably see three or four good sized "porkers" upon which the family mainly depend for meat; they buy them young and feed them themselves.

This is a very brief description of the manner in which live the English mechanic, laborer and operative, but quite sufficient has been said to bring them at least to a level with the American of the same class; the one receives more for his labor than the other, while one pays considerably less for his rent, living, &c., than the other.

My object in offering these few observations cannot be attributed to any ill feeling toward Mr. WALFORD, as I do not know, nor have I ever had the pleasure of seeing that gentleman, but when I hear such statements as these put forth to such an immense audience as was assembled on this occasion, and subsequently through the press to the public, I have considered it my duty, as an Englishman, and knowing them to be wrong, to correct them. I am sorry, however, that Mr. W. evinced so great a hatred toward England, as had he spoken calmly and coolly, he might have been enabled to connect England with the present very distressing position of this State. As it was, I submit that little was said by him to prove that it had any relation thereto.

I would request, Sir, the insertion of this, not as being personally concerned, but for the credit of England itself, to remove the prejudices of any American who might have been influenced by this singular speech of Mr. WALFORD, and as I have spoken solely from experience, I trust that some reliance will be placed upon my statement. The removal of all animosity from one country towards the other, the indication of fraternal feeling, and the grasping of John's hand by Brother Jonathan, ever produce a feeling of pleasure and satisfaction within the breast of Yours, Sir, W. P. JAMES.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1855.

Difficulties to be Surmounted by the Young Physician.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The great majority of recent graduates in medicine are either in debt, or have appropriated to the acquirement of their profession all they had to spend. These conditions are as common with the most talented, as with those of naturally but limited capacities. By this time they have arrived at an age when in almost any other pursuit they could have been well settled in life; whereas in the profession of medicine, they have but just commenced the pursuit of a livelihood, which in the ordinary course, it will take yet five or ten years to render sufficiently profitable to sustain the style in life which is required to gain business and popularity. If poor or in debt at the time of graduating, their chances are exceedingly small, for after then, the indulgent parent will require of them to take care of themselves. What then can they do? The world requires the man at thirty to have made something as a test of his capacity, and this rule is often exacted of the physician; whereas, in nine cases in ten, rich or poor, the only thing he can do is to spend money, if he hopes for any success in the future.

It is impossible for the student to step immediately from the halls of the Medical College into private practice; and in all large towns, where there is a greater or less number of old physicians, who have gained a celebrity, in nine cases in ten they will receive the first calls; and only when they have more than they can do, does the young man have a reasonable hope of obtaining a patient.

For about three months in almost every place, nearly double the number of physicians are required for the protection and care of the sick, that are wanted during the remainder of the season; consequently the young doctor is almost entirely out of professional employment during nine months of the year, and the other three, he has to make the most he can out of the poorest kind of patients. But there are other difficulties which he has to contend with. In the first place he is trammeled by a code of ethics which require him to attain his professional position by his success in practice; or in other words, to gain the end through the position he is trying to attain. Again, it is a common opinion that experience only makes the good doctor. Now this is in a great measure wrong. True, experience, rightly directed, may perfect, but the personal experience in medical practice of no one man ever made him much wiser in the treatment of disease than he was when he first graduated, if he had then learned, as he should have done, the combined knowledge of the profession before him.

It is this knowledge that makes the skillful physician; for medicine is not a science to be applied by rule, but certain principles to be adapted to the indications of every given case. I do not undervalue practical knowledge, when I assert that there are many young doctors who are far more skillful than old physicians who stick to their experience of ten or twenty years past.

Is there any vocation more beset with difficulties to the young aspirant than that of medical practice as a means of gaining a livelihood? If there is what is it?

In order to give the young men, and especially those of moderate means, a fair opportunity in the struggle for business, it becomes necessary to break in upon established usages in the profession, and adopt some measures that shall serve to place them before the public in a fair and honorable position. To do this I see no so effectual way as for the younger members of the profession to organize, and adopt rules and regulations, for placing themselves and their several places of business before the public, through the newspaper press. Let this become an established custom, and the occasional practice of so doing loses its objections. The advantages to be derived from this custom would be mutual between the physicians and the community. It would always be convenient to ascertain the nearest doctor in the neighborhood, and to transient persons, who contribute largely to medical practice, it would be invaluable in enabling them to find, in many instances, those with whom they have had a previous acquaintance; and avoid, at least, the clutches of a set of hotel doctors who prey upon the sick traveler. But more especially would it serve the public and the profession in detesting from the unprofessional practices of a set of self-styled doctors who now usurp entirely this channel of communication with the people. There are few so weak as not to be able to discriminate between the appropriate cards of the physician and the quacks, or to make a just choice between them. Let every one set such valuation upon his services as he chooses, or the exigencies of his circumstances require, and in his cards state the terms on which he is willing to attend the sick.

Many young men are not only willing, but can better afford to visit patients for fifty cents, than others can for a dollar, and let them have their chance with those who are disposed to compromise in this way. This gives every one an opportunity of knowing the expense incurred, and in thus being relieved from the uncertainty of the physician's bill, a much greater proportion of practice would be retained by professional men.

Those who choose to make a speciality of any department of medical practice, such as surgery proper, diseases of the skin, diseases of the chest, etc., can in this way make it known, and enable the invalid the better to judge who to employ. Another great advantage to be gained, would consist in the opportunity thus afforded of retaining in proper hands any new modes of practice that may be discovered; for instance, inhalation in diseases of the lungs has been used to some extent for many years, and was gaining popularity as fast as a knowledge of its good effect could be ascertained, and now, just as it was becoming valuable as a means in the hands of professional men, it is almost entirely detracted from them by parties, who, to say the least, have gained extra-professional notoriety. Had a dozen physicians in this City simply stated in their cards that they prescribed inhalation in diseases of the lungs when indicated, it would have saved this method of treatment from any such usurpation, and its utility would have been established with much more certainty than it possibly now can be, with its indiscriminate use.

Inhalation, like every other means of treating the invalid that has proved useful on proper investigation, belongs by every principle of right to our profession; and the course which I have above suggested should only be regarded as measures for protecting ourselves.

The views which I have here expressed are but hastily thought of, and suggested for deliberation, and I have no doubt but they may be perfected and adapted so as to shield the public from many of the gravest abuses practiced upon it, and serve for the protection of the profession upon which mankind are more dependent for the blessings of this life than any other. The first ten years of a physician's life are generally devoted more to the help of others than himself, and it is not just that it should be so.

No. 66 WHITE-STREET. C. D. G.

Ship Building in the United States for 1854.

From the Boston Courier.

A friend, who is posted up in all commercial statistics, sends us the following table, showing the number and tonnage of vessels built in the United States during the year 1854:

States, etc.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Maine	56	76	90	12	3	240	108,632
New-Hampshire	19	—	—	—	2	11	11,980
Massachusetts	82	4	87	4	3	180	91,570
Rhode Island	5	—	2	1	2	11	5,736
Connecticut	10	1	20	6	2	51	10,691
Vermont	—	—	1	2	—	4	237
New-York	46	10	69	85	70	300	117,107
New-Jersey	—	—	32	27	9	69	6,554
Pennsylvania	7	4	27	194	78	237	35,768
Delaware	—	—	20	1	4	24	2,021
Maryland	13	3	101	3	4	122	20,252
District of Columbia	—	—	—	42	2	44	2,014
Virginia	1	—	9	5	6	21	2,586
North Carolina	—	—	28	3	3	36	2,533
South Carolina	—	—	13	10	—	23	1,169
Georgia	—	—	1	—	2	3	687
Florida	—	—	7	—	—	7	562
Alabama	1	—	4	2	2	9	2,000
Mississippi	—	—	3	—	—	3	77
Louisiana	1	—	6	5	2	14	1,600
Tennessee	—	—	—	—	—	—	255
Missouri	—	—	—	2	7	9	2,071
Kentucky	—	—	—	—	—	28	4,084
Illinois	1	3	6	4	1	17	2,264
Wisconsin	—	—	20	—	—	20	3,947
Ohio	—	4	30	27	41	92	17,046
Indiana	—	—	—	—	—	4	2,400
Michigan	1	5	22	13	8	49	7,765
Texas	1	—	—	—	—	1	135
California	—	—	11	10	5	26	1,052
Total	304	112	631	386	261	1774	535,686

The Health Office.

From the American Medical Monthly for February.

It grieves us to learn how many excellent physicians in this City, and elsewhere in the State, are fretting their quiet souls, neglecting their large fields of practice, spending precious time, pouring out money like water in traveling to and fro, and boarding at the Delavan House, drumming up extensive lots of friends, moving heaven (through the signatures of the Clergy) and earth (through the merchant princes, and men of high professional standing,) to induce Governor CLARK to bestow upon them the responsibilities, risks, and $30,000 salary reputed profits which pertain to the Health Office of this port. It grieves us, we say, knowing that but one of the several scores who join in the race can possibly win the goal. Several gentlemen of distinguished ability to fill the post have, earlier or later, been named as applicants for it. This is not to be wondered at, since the temptation is so great. But we might as well remark here that the money-value of the office has been over-rated. In the repeated amendments to the laws regulating the Health Officer's duties, and concerning the Marine Physician at Staten Island, several thousands have been clipped from the former amount that a man might honorably make of it. Then, "the party" that gives so fat an appointment, cannot be expected to give it without "a consideration." Five thousand dollars *per mensem* probably is not an extravagant sum to be deducted for the party-tax. Then, in an emergency, the Health Officer must expect to be called on to foot the bills of the State Central Committee. These, added to the fact that the Officer's establishment is "one of the institutions," and his house open at all times to his troops of friends, should all be calculated by aspirants who are so eager to try the roughness of their physical systems, and to do battle with ship fever, cholera, yellow fever, untimely hours, driving nor'-easters, a grumbling mercantile community that is "down upon him" for every ship detained at Quarantine, and an Argus-eyed press that gloats in racking him for every suspicious vessel that he allows to come up to port.

Most who have applied, on discovering their ill-success, are allowed to return to their professional occupations without any long chapters being added to their personal histories through the newspaper controversies. Our friend Dr. CHARLES A. LEE is not so fortunate; his petition was signed by the President, four Ex-Presidents, the Executive Committee, Treasurer, Auditor and General Agents of the State Temperance Society; and in their preamble they say that they so sign "*on behalf of the Society which they represent.*" This statement brought down upon the Society several sharp editorials from the politicians, who doubted whether the province of the State Temperance Society, unless in Convention, extends so far as to urge any candidate upon the Governor. It turns out, however, that these officers only signed for themselves individually, and like, we presume, the majority of excellent men arranged upon the Doctor's list of petitioners, held themselves at perfect liberty to sign also the next, and still the next good man's paper that should be presented: for the names of petitioners, it seems, are not taken as those upon which the Governor can fall back, if the one indicated should happen to be the lucky one upon whom gubernatorial favors are aching to fall.

EDWARD C. DELAVAN on the 24th, wrote that his Excellency had just before answered his inquiry "in the most positive manner, that he was not in the remotest degree committed to any one" for the office. This might encourage aspirants to try again; but rumor is understood to say that any man else than Dr. THOMPSON of Albany "will have a good time getting it."

☞ At a trial the other day at Sherborne, Serjeant WILKINS called to the Jury in the most touching terms by their verdict to restore the prisoner to the bosom of his wife and family, and dwelt on the effect the result of the trial would have for happiness or misery on those who are so dear to him. When the learned serjeant sat down, wiping his forehead after his effort, he was a little surprised to learn this touching allusion to wife and children had been made on behalf of a bachelor!

☞ We find the following in HUMPHREY'S *Journal of the Daguerreotype and Photographic Arts:*

TO DAGUERREAN OPERATORS.—The effects of the vapor of iodine, inhaled, in diseases of the lungs, having become an important question in vital statistics, the subscriber takes this method of obtaining information from the practical operators in the Daguerrean art, who are more or less subjected to its fumes. Trusting that the general good that may accrue from information thus obtained upon this subject will induce persons engaged in the art to communicate the desired facts in their experience, the following questions are submitted as those to which answers are most particularly desired:

1. At what age did you commence the business?
2. How long have you continued in it?
3. Do you follow it still? If not, how long discontinued?
4. Did you have, or were you supposed to have consumption, when you commenced? If so, what is your relative state of health now? If not, have you evidence of the disease now? and if so, how long after commencing the business did it appear?
5. Has your general health improved or become impaired since you have been employed in the business?
6. Did you ever know any one to die of consumption who was an operating artist? and if so, did the disease set in before or after commencing the business?

The above questions are intended only for those who have been more or less subjected to the vapor of iodine. After a reasonable time for obtaining answers to the above, the result will be published for the benefit of all parties. The subscriber trusts that all persons who can give information upon this subject will answer promptly. Address

DR. C. D. GRISWOLD,
No. 66 White-street, New-York.

☞ A writer in the high Tory *Press* says that the late Emperor of Austria was a cruel and implacable jailor. "It was by his order that Count GONFALONIERI was deprived of the pillow used by his countess, the sole relic of an amiable consort, on which he nightly placed his head—his one solace, the last and only memento of an unalterable affection. It was by his order that the countess was informed of the illness of her husband, and by another order she was debarred the satisfaction of being made acquainted with the progress of the malady or his recovery. It was by his order that the petition of the friend of SILVIO PELLICO to have his leg amputated by an expert surgeon at his own expense was refused, and the old and incapable barber-surgeon of Spielberg was commanded to perform the operation, and this was accompanied by the unfeeling remark that the headsman was the fitting surgeon."

MARRIED.

In this City, on Thursday morning, Feb. 8, by Rev. T. L. Cuyler, FLETCHER PLACE to CAROLINE, youngest daughter of Wm. de la Montanye, all of this City.

In Brooklyn, on Thursday evening, Feb. 8, in the Church on the Heights, by Rev. Dr. Bethune, JOHN M. MERRIFIELD to LIZZIE R. MARVIN, all of Brooklyn.

DIED.

In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 8, WILLIAM E. NAUTA, aged 28, of inflammation of the bowels.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Sunday morning, at 11 o'clock, from No. 26 Monroe-st.

In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 8, BARTHOLOMEW, youngest son of Bartholomew B. Purdy, aged 1 year, 10 months and 24 days.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from No. 53 Spring-st., on Saturday, 10th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 8, of consumption, Mrs. AMANDA W. SAWYER, in the 47th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, at her late residence, No. 140 Greene-st., on Saturday, the 10th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 8, WM. SAWYER.

The friends and relatives are invited to attend his funeral, from the City Hospital, at 2 o'clock P. M., to-day.

In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 7, Mr. WILLIAM WELSH, aged 84 years.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 22 Allen-st., on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 2 o'clock.

In this City, on Wednesday night, Feb. 7, of scarlet fever, after three weeks' illness, ISAREL, youngest child of Robert J. Cheesbrough, aged 4 years.

The friends and relatives of the family are requested to attend her funeral, without other invitation, from the house of her father, No. 61 East 26th-st., this (Friday) morning, at 11 o'clock.

In this City, on Thursday, Feb. 8, in her 23d year, MARTHA A., wife of Henry W. Belcher, and daughter of Jno. Garrison, of Putnam Co.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of Dr. E. R. Belcher, No. 54 East 11th-st., at 2 o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 9th inst. Her remains will be removed to Garrison, Putnam Co., on Saturday morning, for interment.

In this City, on Thursday morning, Feb. 8, HENRY WELLES SELLECK, second son of David R. and Caroline Selleck, aged 4 years and 5 months.

The friends of the family, also of his grandparents, Isaac Smith, are invited to attend the funeral services, on Friday afternoon, at 1 o'clock, from No. 320 Madison-st. The remains will be taken to Darien, Conn.

In this City, on Wednesday, Feb. 7, CORNELIA GERRY, aged 49 years, 1 month and 6 days.

In Brooklyn, on Thursday, Feb. 8, MARY, widow of Junius B. Wood, aged 81 years.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 34 Johnson-st., corner of Adams, on Saturday, 10th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets See Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, Feb. 8.

$4,000	Indiana State 5s	83¾	100	Cumb'd Coal Co.	c 26¾
12,000	Virginia 6s	93¾	100	do.	b30 27
5,000	do.	b30 93¾	100	do.	b60 27¼
2,000	North Car. 6s	c 90	100	do.	b30 27½
5,000	Georgia 5s	93 ⅝	200	do.	b30 27¾
3,000	Missouri 6s	94¼	200	do.	b30 28
1,000	California 7s '70	101	200	do.	28
7,000	Harlem 1st M. 6s	97	100	do.	28¼
1,000	Erie 2d Mort. 6s	101¼	100	do.	28½
4,000	Erie 2s of '75	19 ⅝	100	do.	27
24,000	do.	19 ⅝	100	do.	27¼
24,000	do.	19 ⅝	100	do.	27½
24,000	do.	19 ⅝	100	do.	27¾
48,000	do.	b30 19	100	Clev. & Toledo R. R.	70
1,000	H. Riv. 1st M. 6s	104½	50	Chi. & Rock Isl'd R. R.	98
1,000	H. Riv. 2d M. 6s	74	100	N. York Central R. R.	94
1,000	do.	b60 74	200	do.	c 94¼
25,000	do.	b60 74½	100	do.	94¼
5,000	do.	c 74	200	do.	b60 94
1,000	N. Jers. 1st Mtg. G. L.	95	100	do.	b60 94¼
2,000	do.	94½	50	Erie Railroad	c 45
27,000	Con. R. R. Bonds	c 74	200	do.	c 44¾
18,000	do.	b45 74½	100	do.	c 45
5,000	do.	c 74	200	do.	c 45
1,000	Ill. Cen. New Bds.	71	100	do.	b30 45
3,000	N. Y. Cen. 7s	98	100	do.	b10 45
10,000	do.	b60 98	100	do.	c60 45
1,000	do.	98	100	do.	45
10,000	N. Y. C. R. R. Bds.	c 87	100	Harlem Railroad	c 32¼
20	Merchants' Ex. Bank	100	10	Stonington Railroad	88
50	Am. Exchange Bank	100½	100	Reading Railroad	c 74½
10	Pacific Bank	104	50	do.	74
10	Bank of N. America	96	200	do.	b30 77
12	Continental Bank	104½	100	do.	b60 77¼
140	Canton Company	c 26¾	400	do.	b30 77½
100	do.	c 26¾	100	do.	c 76
112	do.	c 26¾	202	do.	c 77
50	do.	b30 26¾	10	Hudson River R. R.	39
100	do.	b60 26¾	5	Michigan South. R. R.	88
400	Nic. Transit Co.	b30 19	65	do.	b5 90
100	do.	c 19	5	Mich. So. Construc.	88
100	Penn. Coal Co.	c 29	10	Nor. Ind. Railroad	28
100	do.	c 29	10	Clev. C. & Chi. R. R.	102
10	do.	c 2,100	30	Ill. Cen. R. R.	b30 97
22	Gal. & Chi. Railroad	82	200	do.	c 96¼

SECOND BOARD.

$6,000	Indiana State 5s	83¾	200	Cumberl. Coal Co.	b60 26¾
8,000	Virginia 6s	93¾	10	do.	c 26¾
8,000	Missouri 6s	94¼	10	Hudson Riv. R. R.	39
10,000	Erie Bds. of '75	c 19 ⅝	170	Clev. & Toledo R. R.	70
20,000	do.	b60 19 ⅝	200	Harlem Railroad	b30 32¼
2,000	do.	b10 19 ⅝	100	N. Y. Cen. R. R.	b60 94¼
2,000	do.	19 ⅝	100	do.	94
5,000	do.	19 ⅝	11	Harlem Preferred	78
1,200	N. Y. Cen. 7s	98	11	Erie Railroad	b60 45
8,000	Ill. Cen. R. R. Bds.	74	20	do.	b30 45
15,000	do.	b45 74½	30	do.	b3 45
20	St. Nicholas Bank	99	40	do.	b5 45
20	Nic. Trans. Co.	c 19 ⅝	100	do.	45
100	Cumb. Coal Co.	26¾	100	do.	c 45
200	do.	b30 26¾	100	do.	b30 45
100	do.	b30 27	50	do.	c 45
100	do.	c 30	200	Reading Railroad	74½
400	do.	c 26¾	200	do.	c 60 74
200	do.	b30 26¾	200	do.	74¼

THURSDAY, Feb. 8—P. M.

The California steamer, *via* Panama, with accounts from San Francisco to Jan. 16 and $1,239,000 in Gold on freight, arrived this afternoon. The receipts of Gold Dust, notwithstanding the more active employment of the miners, had disappointed the merchants and bankers at San Francisco, for the time,—though the absence of the expected increase is accounted for from the circumstance that the diggers were too busily employed after the rains in the mountain districts, to bring their Gold to the market towns. The amount received here by this steamer is a fair average for the Winter months, though not equal by several hundred thousand dollars to the general calculation in Wall-street. Of the total shipment $565,000 comes to the agent of PAGE, BACON & Co. The market news is not so encouraging. Trade at San Francisco is represented as dull, and Money for business purposes scarce and dear. Apprehensions are expressed in regard to the renewal of shipments of Goods on consignment from the Atlantic ports. The passengers by this steamer crossed the Isthmus from ocean to ocean on the Panama Railroad, which was opened through on the 28th ultimo. It is stated by the purser of the North Star that the Pacific Mail Company will keep one of their steamers constantly in readiness to receive passengers from this side directly from the rail cars, to prevent delay at Panama. The opening of the road is a wonderful achievement, the time, cost and circumstances all taken into account. A highway, thus constructed, to the commerce of the world, in a strange country, and without local help from its quasi population, and overcoming physical difficulties which the English projectors of the Ship Canal found utterly impracticable, though ready to venture *seventy-five millions* on the experiment, for the sum of five or six millions, is a result which reflects the highest credit upon New-York enterprise. Its final accomplishment, though postponed beyond the earlier hopes of the Panama Directors, is not the less wonderful, now that it is announced, and its first practical proof of usefulness from ocean to ocean known.

The steamer *Atlantic*, from Liverpool, Jan. 27, came to anchor in the midst of the snow-storm, outside of Sandy Hook, at a late hour this afternoon. The Associated Press were not able to communicate with her by pilot boat, to the hour we write, wind and tide both being adverse. The disappointment may be remedied in season for a postscript to the early edition of our paper. The storm has been so prolonged that it was not until 11 o'clock that the *Pacific* for Liverpool was able to leave the lower Bay.

There was another very strong market for